Liberals draw back from breaking pact with Labour

Liberal MPs decided last night to maintain the parliamentary pact with the Government in spite of their announcement earlier in the day that the failure of most Labour MPs to support proportional representation in elections to the European Parliament was "calculated to destroy the Lib-Lab agreement ":

Early recall of party assembly expected

By Fred Emery Political Editor

Liberal MPs conremplated breaking off their agreement to support the Government lest night but decided to wait until they could find a more striking ground for divorce. They had been provoked to a higher pitch of dismay by the Labour left's part in Tuesday's heavy Commons defeat for proportional representation.

Mr Steel, the party leader, speaking on BBC television after his third meeting with the Prime Minister in 24 hours, conceded that it would be "diffi-cult to keep the agreement go-ing" in spite of his own wish to do so. He demurred at the suggestion that the party was waiting for a sharper issue.

Eut his colleagues say that Mr Steel has bowed to their view that the pact cannot continue for the rest of this parliamen-tary session, as he had hoped. They say the only remaining division among the 12 MPs who attended last night's final meetthought the pact should end in January and those who thought

it might end in April. The lone rebel remains Mr yril Smith, who expressed disgust at his colleagues' antics

yesterday. He said on BBC television that he believed there was "no price too small for David Steel that his colleagues would allow themselves to be so humiliated by Labour, and held his party to be "chicken-livered".

Mr Smith showed perspicacity about its being an extraordinary day. After the morning's castigation of the Parliamentary Labour Party's majority having "calculated to destroy the Lib-Lab agreement" (by their vote, an the European Assembly Bill), the evening (a few meet-ings later) saw Liberals denouncing Mrs Thatcher's trap (the Conservative vote on PR). Mr Steel said: "We are not going to fall for that."

But Mr Steel, on television, clearly wanted viewers to fall view of the pact. He said that getting the economy right was all that mattered; for too long poliricians had dodged difficult solutions. Now at last they had someone-Mr Callag-

han's Government, evidently-who would take those decisions. his critics should wait until the end of the day when things came out right and the party could draw some benefit.

Mr Steel would not say on television whether he had told his colleagues he would resign if they pressed for a quick end to the pact. But it is said that he did not need to.

It remains, however, that the way Labour MPs helped to defeat the PR vote in the debate on the European assembly elections Bill will trigger a calling of the party special assembly. Three leading Liberal officers are helding discussions and it is are holding discussions and it is expected that by the end of the week they will announce the holding of an assembly in the

It was not clear last night what precisely had persuaded the Liberals to draw back when earlier in the day they had seemed bent on plunging into

whatever crisis might arise.

The 12 MPs at the morning meeting had unanimously proclaimed that the failure of an overall majority of Labour's MPs to support the Govern- did not think now was a good words of a terse announcement

calculated to destroy the Lib-

Lab agreement ". MPs present confided that the pact was dead but for the public presen-

Mr Callaghan, apparently, did not offer the Liberals anything new when Mr Steel met him new when Mr Steel met him for the second time. The Prime Minister held that the Govern-ment had lived up to all its carefully written pledges.

The Liberals had to agree and concede that their real quarrel was with most of the left wing of the Labour Party. So when Mr Steel returned it

So when Mr Steel returned it transpired that the earlier division of eight to four in favour of breaking the pact there and then (only Mr Ross, Mr Freud and Mr Howells were said to wish to fight on with Mr Steel) had switched. Now, it was reported these was and Mr Steel) nan switchen. Now, it was reported, there were six in favour of soldiering on the while, four against, with three abstentions, all taken only in informal soundings rather than

With the Liberals' decision pending the Government made clear that it would carry on its business of tackling inflation and unemployment and that it it did not want an early elec-

The day-long tension did not overtly excite Westminster, which often fails to take the Liberals seriously in good time. But there was a gleam in the odd leading Tory eye and it would be a surprise if last to pay to curry on the pact." would be a surprise if last cH professed himself shattered night's Shadow Cabinet meeting did not discuss tactics.

A senior Tory suggested that Mrs Thatcher would put down a censure motion at the first opportunity in the new year. It was seen that she would have to, for combat's sake.

All that remains speculation until the Liberals decide to break off. Even then the Government is not in imminent danger, assuming that the 11 Scottish and three Welsh nationalists maintain their support over the two devolution Bills, for which the Government also enjoys the support of two more MPs of the separate Scot-

tish Labour Party. But if 13 Liberals vote against in future rather than for, the equation is, of course, turned round by 26 votes.

Labour is, after all, in an overall minority of 14, having 308 seats in the Commons against 322 others.

That renders the Government much more precarious and liable to ambush than it has been in the past nine months.
Unless the Government soon

comes forward with new proposals to restore a measure of regional government to North-ern Ireland Mr Callaghan will be able to rely in the new year on the neutrality of the six Ulster Unionists led by Mr Ulster Unionists led by Mr James Molyneaux.

many votes involved but they could mean the difference between victory or defeat on a confidence motion if cast against the Government.

"Good will needed": Mr Grimond, the former Liberal leader, said on BEC relevision's National agents. Nationwide programme last night that he believed the

Prime Minister had kept his part of the pact (the Press Association reports). It required good will on both sides. Speaking before his party's MP's decided to continue the part, he said he thought the Liberals should end it before the next general election, but

£218m trade surplus

in November By Caroline Atkinson Britain has had a healthy sur-plus on the trade and current accounts for the fourth month

The November £73m visible trade surplus (exports less imports of goods) was well above most City expectations. Together with the usual surplus on invisible trade this led to a £218m surplus on the current account of the balance of payments

However, the continued finan-cial improvement masks a much less encouraging picture of the real economy. Exports and imports fell during the month

imports tell during the month in value and volume.

In the first nine months of this year British exporters put up a very good performance. Export growth outpaced that of the rest of the world and began to make up the losses in world trade shares of 1975 and 1976. This was in line with the boped for effects on British competitiveness of last year's drop in sterling. However, since September

export volumes have fallen by 8.2 per ceut, with more than helf of this fall last month, More serious is the fall in manufactured exports, especially marked in metal manufactures and transport equipment (including cars). In the three months ending on the three mouns ending November export volumes were down by 2‡ per cent on the previous three months Machinery and transport equipment exports were 7 per cent below the previous three months and metal goods were down by 10 per cent

down by 10 per cent.

The rise in the pound in the past few months has had a significant impact on Britain's terms of trade. As the pound is worth more in terms of foreign currencies Britain pays less for its imports, and earns more

from its exports. Imports have been very depressed this year, perhaps re-flecting the generally law level of demand in the economy. However, within the total increases in the volume of imports of finished manufactures. Overall imports of manufac-

turers have been lower in the past three months because of a drop in machinery imports for the North Sea. Car imports have been extremely high. In the latest three months there has been a turnround of nearly £600m in Britain's current account from a deficit of £399m in the three months to August to a £170m surplus in the three months to November. However, about £320m of the improvement is because of the more erratic elements of trade, and may not be repeated. Nevertheless Britain is now solidly in surplus, and likely to remain there throughout 1978.

Hopeful phase for economy, page 25

Cairo talks open as diplomatic interest switches to US

Mr Begin taking peace proposals approved by his ministers to President Carter

began today in the ornate and oriental senting of the dining room of the Mena House Hotel, which was formerly a palace of Overshadowed almost literally

by the Giza Pyramids, the meeting was overshadowed metaphorically by the news that Mr Begin, the Israel Prime Minister, was on his way to America, and by speculation that President Sadat might join him there for a trilateral meeting-with President Carter. Egyptian officials said they had no knowledge of any such plan, but were careful not to rule it out, pointing out that Mr Sadat's visit to Israel last month was as much a surprise to them as to everyone else.

One Egyptian official said:

The action is in Washington

From Edward Mortimer

Cairo, Dec 14

The Cairo conference—
officially a preparatory meeting
for a Geneva peace meeting—

of and on behalf of peace", of and on behave or peace, seemed to belie the statement made by his delegate. Dr Eliyahu Ben-Elissar, who told the conference: "We, the the conference: "We, the countries involved in the conflict, can resolve the problems that have to be solved. If there

is a lesson to be learnt from our long dispute; it is that peace cannot be made by proxy." The opening meeting lasted only one hour, a good part of which was passed in silence while hundreds of journalists trooped through the room. The proceedings consisted simply of four short speeches by each of the four heads of delegation: Dr Esmat Abdul Megid for Egypt, Dr Ben-Elissar for Israel, Mr Alfred Atherton for the United States and General Ensio Siilasvuo for the United

Five empty places were left Ministry, which had also sup-for the parties which have not plied them with the Israeli flag, accepted the Egyptian invita-in the end all the flags and These were not labelled in deference to Israeli reluctance to sit down opposite even a table marked "PLO". But Dr Megid, who also acts as chairman, named the PLO in his speech as one of the parties invited (along with Syria, Jor-

dan, Lebanon and the Soviet Union). Outside the hotel nine flags fiew, including those of both Israel and Palestine. (For a time the flag of North Yemen replaced that of Syrie, but this mistake was quickly rectified.) An absurd game of cat-and-mouse was played over the flags during the day. The Israeli delegation protested about the presence of an "unknown" flag (the Palestinian one).

The Egyptian delegates re-erred the complaint to the ferred the complaint to the horel management, who said they had received their instruc-tions from the Egyptian Foreign flagpoles were taken down. Dr Ben-Elissar expressed his

regret at "the absence in this city and from this table of all those who should be with us today, representatives of Syria, Lebanon and Jordan and an appropriate delegation of Palesrinian Arabs", but he did not thinan Araos , but he can not bother to pretend he regretted the absence of the Soviet Union.

All four delegates said they regarded the meeting as an important step forward in a second which they hand would

process which they hoped would lead to a comprehensive settlement based on the principles

ment based on the principles established in Security Council Resolution 242.

For Dr Megid such a settlement would be one "whereby the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people are fully realized so that peace and justice may prevail once more in the Middle East", while Mr Ben-Elissar said the goal was

White voting proposal

upsets Rhodesia blacks

Dollar bits new lows

The dollar again had a bad day on the European

foreign exchanges falling to new lows against the Swiss franc and Deutsche mark in hectic

Planning order withdrawn

The Government is withdrawing the controversial Town and Country Planning Gineral Develop-ment Order for further consideration. It was

intended to relax planning controls and was expected to reduce the number of applications

A receiver has been appointed for Tri-ang Pedigree, the toys and prams company rescued by Airfix with government help in 1975. Airfix,

which owns 56 per cent, informed the Department of Industry, which is the other shareholder,

Tri-ang in receivership

to translate the principles of Resolution 242 anto tall the necessary elements of a peace treaty", including diplomatic relations, commerce. national cooperation and so on.

Dr Ben-Elissar concluded by evoking the Jeffersonian principle: Enemies in war, in peace. friends, "We want peace", Mr Ben-Elissar said, "and we shall be friends ".

The conference is to resume in closed session tomorrow. But there was an informal meeting of Israeli, Egyptian and Ameriapparently to thrash out further unresolved procedural prob-

The meeting still has no fixed agenda and both sides are on the watch for procedural details which, by forming a precedent, might prejudice future negotia-

The Egyptians may have sidestepped "unnecessary formalities", as Dr Megid put it,

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Mr George Ward: Jubilant.

Lords quash Acas appeal on Grunwick By Craig Seton

Five Law Lords yesterday unanimously dismissed an appeal by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) and ruled invalid a recommendation that the Grunwick company, in north-west London, should recognize the Association of north-west London, should recognize the Association of

Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex). A strike for union recognition by more than a hundred Grun-wick employees began 16 months ago. The strikers were dismissed by the company. The Acas recommendation

based only on the opinions of workers on strike because Mr director of Grunwick, had refused to give the names and addresses of employees, had already been contested in the High Court and the Court of Appeal.
The Lords' decision, apart

from virtually ending the strikers' hopes of reinstatement and Apex's chances of recognition, has wide implications for Acas, whose role some now see Acas, whose fole some now see as undermined.

In the Lords' judgment, Lord Diplock said Acas was not entitled to make any recommendation for recognition as long as it remained in ignorance of the opinions held by a group of workers of significant size. He could sympathize with Acas in that it felt that an early report was necessary, and because it

was necessary, and because it Continued on page 2, col 1

Trafalgar adds to press interest

Trafalgar House group, which moved into Fleet Street with the purchase of Beaverbrook Newspapers and subsequently added to its new publishing arm the magazine publishers Morgan-Grampian, is now poised to take over Investor's Chronicle, the specialist City publication. The purchase price is about £1.4m. Profits and sales at Investors' Chronicle recently went into decline, but Trafalgar believes the magazine has a bright future Page 25

Brezhnev mystery

President Brezhnev was inexplicably absent yesterday when the country's economic plan and 1978 budget was presented to the Supreme Soviet. Mr Brezhnev, who is 71 on Monday, has also cancelled a meeting with Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, arranged for tomorrow in Moscow Page 6

Rebels to free hostages

The eight French hostages held by the Western Sahara Polisario Front are to be freed "soon", a report said in Paris. M Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, was informed by the Front of its decision. It is thought that the rebels have realized that the continued detention of the hostages would do their cause more harm than

Pakistan 164 for two

Pakistan were 164 for two against England at the close of play on the first day of the first Test match at Lahore. Miller and Old took the two wickets in successive overs just before the lunch interval

John Woodcock, page 7

that it was not prepared to take up any further shares without more government support Page 25 Canary Islands: Two policemen were shot dead on the second day of rioting following the killing

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Stonehouse spying allegations Prospects dimmed for an early settlement between Mr Ian Smith's Government and three groups of black nationalists. Although nego-

revived

By Hugh Noves Parliamentary Correspondent

groups of black nationalists. Although nego-tiations are continuing, the delegates emerged stony-faced from yesterday's session in Salis-bury. Apparently Mr Smith had insisted that one out of every three MPs should be elected by whites only, with blacks voting separately for two-thirds of the seats

Page 6 Westminster
New evidence, which, it was alleged, suggested that Sir Harold Wilson was wrong when he exonerated Mr John Stonehouse of spying for Czecho-slovakia, was presented in the Commons yesterday by two Conservative MPs, Mr Peter Blaker and Mr Stephen Hasttrading. One dealer in Frankfurt described trading as "unbelievably crazy". In London the dollar also slipped with the result that the pound closed at just under \$1.85, 70 points up Page 25

ings.

Mr Blaker said he and Mr
Hastings had decided to raise the matter after a letter had come into their possession from Josef Frolik, the defector, who had been a senior intelligence officer in the Czechoslovak Secret Service.

The key passage in the letter, written by Mr Frolik to a friend in Loudon, stated that three months after Sir Harold, as Prime Minister, made his statement in the Commons in December, 1974, to the effect that Mr Stonebouse was not a spy, he had sent a high official of MI5 to apologize to Mr Frolik, who was then in the United States. Mr Frolik had given a warning about Mr Stonehouse, the former Labour minister, who is now in prison for theft and false pretences. Mr Blaker said the letter from Mr Frolik about the MI5 official suggested that Sir Harold was wrong when he exonerated Mr Stonehouse. Was it possible that Sir Harold made his statement on basis of official advice which was later found to be inaccurate? Was he later told

that the information was inac-curate, and if so, why did he not come to the House to set the record straight?

Mr Blaker and Mr Hastings called for a full investigation into the allegations immediately

Commons return from the Christmas recess. Parliamentary report, page 16

Prince honoured

The Prince of Wales is to be made a privy counsellor on Tuesday, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. The Prince was eligible to become one when he was 18, but the appointment is at the discretion of the monarch.

Dutch millionaire given 15-year prison term-for part in massacres of Jews

From Robert Schuil Amsterdam, Dec 14

78-year-old Durch millionaire and art collector, was sentenced to 15 years in jail by an Amsterdam court today for his part in the mass mucders in 1941 of Polish nationals, mainly Jews, in the village of Podhorodce which was occupied by the Germans: The village is now part of the Soviet Union. He was acquitted because of lack of evidence of having taken

Pieter Nicolas Menten, the

prosecutor had asked for a life sentence. The court found it impossible after 36 years to reconstruct. exactly the role played by Mr Menten in the massacre. But Mr Menten's responsibility was con-sidered to be so great that the Voting lists, page 4 sidered to be so great that the Leading article, page 19 15-year term was warranted.

part in the mass murders in

another village. The public

The court considered that small differences in the evidence given by East European witnesses made it more trust-

The Menten trial started in April and involved a total of 25 hearings. Light was thrown on his involvement in the Nazi massacre after a Dutch news-paper had published an interview with him on his art collection. This drew the attention of Mr Chaviv Kanaan, an Israeli journalist, to Mr Men-Mr Menten returned to The Netherlands from Poland in 1943. After the war he was

sentenced to eight months in prison for having worn a German uniform and having worked as an interpreter for the SS in 1941. Allegations were made in the early 1950s that he had played a role in the massacres of Jews. Both Poland and Israel failed in

Mr Kanaan's accusations led Mr Kanaan's accusations led to further investigations particularly by the news magazine Accent. The television programme on current affairs Actua produced witnesses who later appeared before the Amsterdam court.

There were public demands in the Netherlands for his arrest. When this was finally

arrest. When this was finally decided, Mr Menten escaped to Switzerland on the eve of being detained, which caused an outcry. It appeared that Mr van Agt, the present Prime Minister designate, who was then Minister of Justice, had failed to read an arrest treatment. failed to read an urgent message on Mr Menten The Swiss extradited Mr

Menten to the Netherlands on the understanding that he would not be extradited to a third country.
It is considered likely that Mr Menten will appeal to the High Court. New York case, page 6

IRA 'using **Soviet** grenades'

From Christopher Walker Army experts in Northern

Ireland are understood to have established that hand grenades used in three Provisional IRA attacks against British troops within the past week were all of Russian origin.

It is feared that the acquisition of Soviet weapons means that the Provisional IRA has found a new source of arms repulses. The weapons were the

supplies. The weapons were the first commercially manufactured grenades used by the Pro-visionals since their campaign in Ulster began.

The first of the grenade attacks took place late on Saturday night when two of the

Russian devices were hurled at an armoured personnel carrier in the strongly republican Grosvenor Road district of west Belfast. Both exploded more than 10 yards from their target, causing no damage and no casualties.

In the past, Provisional IRA gunmen have occasionally made use of the Russian-made AK47, a powerful 7.62 rifle, which has proved highly effective. As yet no firm theory about the route by which the grenades arrived in the province has been in the province has been reached, but a Middle East connexion is suspected.

grenades follows closely on a little publicized operation by Belgian police which resulted in about four tons of weapons destined for the Provisional IRA being intercepted in Antwerp. Rocket launchers and firearms were among the weapons. The consignment was en route to the Irish Republic from Cyprus.

An undercover soldier was town area of Belfast.

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Sugar firm halts TV film on black workers Yesterday Tate and Lyle spent £20,000 on national newsprivate hearing.

By David Nicholson-Lord

ATV is still hoping to screen the uncut version of a television film containing controversial interviews with Tate and Lyle sugar workers in South Africa despite the cancellation of the programme after a High Court injunction yesterday.

The film, Working for Britain. was the third in a documentary series, The South African Experience. It was due to be broadcast at 9 o'clock last night but was replaced at four hours' notice with a previously broad-cast Whicker's World pro-

The six-day injunction against documentary, was obtained by in September.

It was believed the television company was considering lodg-

ing an immediate appeal. However, ATV is now hoping to show it in place of the fourth programme in the series next Wednesday ii the appeal suc-

Mr John Lyle, chairman of Tate and Lyle, said after the hearing that he was relieved and delighted. He challenged the accuracy of the information provided in interviews with black workers on pay and con-

The dispute arose after a visit by Mr Antony Thomas, the film's freelance producer, to a the six-day injunction against sugar estate at Doornkop, near bowning the interviews, only a few minutes of the hour-long sold its interest in the estate

paper advertisements describ-ing the picture presented by the film as unrepresentative of its operations in South Africa. Malcoim Brown writes: Tate and Lyle was one of 314 com-

panies with interests in South Africa that earlier this year gave to the Department of Trade information on employment practices. The department has now published an assessment on 189 of those reports which indicates progress in im-proving African wages and some improvement in fringe benefits. But the department which had been under pressure improvement in fringe for several months to do an assessment admits that proper analysis has been almost impossible because of its unstandardized form.

seven companies were paying some employees below the poverty datum line (PDL) which is defined as the lowest possible amount on which a family can live under humanly decent conditions in the short run: 49 were paying below the minimum effective level (MEL) which is (defined as 150 per cent of

The analysis is part of the follow-up to the 1974 inquiry into British firms in South Africa carried out by the trade and industry sub-committee of the Commons Expenditure Com-A study of the data available shows that about sixty com-

panies were providing pension

and retirement funds; 32 had

on Irish torture claims From Christopher Walker Almost six years to the day

reached a final verdict. of the 18 judges in Strasbourg, will be delivered publicly next month.

subsidized canteens; and 24 provided education schemes. of the Convention.

Verdict reached

since Britain was formally accused by the Irish Republic of torturing IRA suspects in Northern Ireland, the European Court on Human Rights has

Last night it was generally accepted by officials in Belfast and Dublin that the court would

The decision, which was reached during a private session

uphold an earlier decision of the European Commission on Human Rights, and find Britain guilty of breaching article three

Soldier killed

murdered last night while on surveillence duties in the strongly republican Anderstons-

TUC 'inner cabinet' to consider impact of Lords' judgment on trade union recognition strategy

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

TUC leaders are to consider the impact that the Lords' judg- advantage. ment on Grunwick will have on trade union efforts to win recognition through use of the Employment Protection Act, 1975. Mr James Mortimer, chairman of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), said last night that the decision would make it mare difficult in implement it more difficult to implement labour law.

The issue will be considered at next Monday's meeting of the TUC's "inner cabinet", its finance and general purposes committee, when proposals for amending the legislation may be made.

Mr Mortimer said the decision an authoritative statement of the law and would have to be accepted. The ruling would have three main consequences for industrial relations: First, it will make it more rirst, it will make it most difficult for Acas to carry out its inquiries on trade union recognition among the small minority of firms who are not

no sympathy with one of the stated objectives of the Employ-ment Protection Act, namely to encourage collective bargain-

"Secondly, the lesson will certainly be drawn that when a union is faced by an employer who is not only opposed to recognition but sacks all his workers in dispute and refuses to cooperate in an Acas inquiry the less and in Acas inquiry the law, and in particular section 11 of the Employment Protection Act, does not provide a satisfactory means of resolving the issue.

"Thirdly, it has been made clear that the workers on strike at Grunwick are properly among the workers to whom the recognition issue relates. This confirms the point of view taken, by Acas, and contested taken by Acas and contested by the company. This may have a bearing on future cases."

Mr Kenneth Gill, general sec-retary of the AUEW Technical

seek to obstruct the procedure has put the final nail in the established by Parliament may now feel themselves at an advantage.

"The House of Lords judgment has put the final nail in the coffins of section 11 of the Employment Protection Act and of Acas. The will of Parliament has "Undoubtedly, a boost has been given to those who have liament has once again been undermined by judges using the letter instead of the spirit

of the law,
"The Employment Protection Act was an integral part of the social contract. It was the quid pro quo which sold wage restraint to the unions. The social contract is now finally in tatters. Trade unionists will make the inevitable judgment. Only organized strength and of the law. Only organized strength and collective action will secure the advance of working people's

seventy Labour MP3 last night signed a Commons motion demanding legislation to demanding legislation to ensure that "obstructive employers cannot shelter behind the protection now given by the decision of the Law Lords."

The motion, sponsored by Mrs Audrey Wise, MP for Coventry, South-West, expresses at the Law coventry at the Law

grave concern at the Law Lords decision, which, it says, has effectively relieved employers of any obligation to cooperate with Acas,

is asked for £17,300 to Save flagons By Kenneth Gosling

The Government is being asked to help to save from export two of Britain's rarest and most beautiful pieces of silver, the Mostyn flagons.

A question set down for suswer in the Commons tomorrow asks the Government to make a special grant to cover half the cost of one of the two flagons, which date from 1601 and which were sold by Lord Mostyn at a London auction in June for nearly £70,000.

The reply, due to be made by Mrs Williams, Secretary of

State for Education and Science, will determine whether the flagons, for which an export licence has been withheld until January 5, leave the country together or remain, but in separate museums.

After the June sale and the withholding of the licence for six months, the city museums at Manchester and Cardiff said they would each buy one flagon.

Manchester raised the money for one, but Cardiff dropped out. The new owner said he would not take only one: both would go or both would say. Last week Leeds art galleries stepped in with an offer, and Mr Robert Rowe, their director, explained yesterday: "The case I put to the Government was that if it would give a grant that, in effect, was a quarter of the price of the pair, it would save both for the nation. I have told the Gov-ernment that I can produce £17,300, half the price of one flagon, if it will provide the

rest.
"They are among the most spectacular objects I have ever seen, of absolutely superb quality. I feel passionately that they should not leave the country. We are mounting an almost impossible operation in an incredibly short time."

If the flagons stay in Britain, the Leeds purchase will be ex-hibited in an Elizabethan setting at Temple Newsam House. Mr George Levy, of the British Antique Dealers' Asso-ciation, said: "These treasures are of at least similar significance to our heritage as paint-ings are; but they are of less monetary value than a Stubbs at £750,000 or a Bellini at £250,000, so they do not attract

as much attention. "The fact is that the decorative arts are slowly sliding out of the country."

MP for Warley, East, says the flagons are "among the most ourstanding pieces of English silver of the Elizabethan period

Mostyn died in 1642, leaving his son Thomas "two guilt flaggons with the coare of Armes thereon. A Communion flagon by the same maker, dated 1616, is in St Giles Church, York.

Ulster plan dropped Mr Lynch, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, has dropped

a plan to appoint a parliamen-tary emissary to keep him in-formed on Northern Ireland and will continue to rely on briefings from senior civil ser-

Government | Coalfield militants vote for a strike ballot

By Our Labour Editor .

. The first signs of impending strike action in the coalfields emerged yesterday as three militant areas of the National Union of Mineworkers carried out their threat to take legal action to halt the introduction of pit incentive schemes.

Only three hands were raised against a proposal to organize Scottish area leadership has a strike ballot in five coalfields when the leaders of 25,000 South Wales miners met in Bridgend to plan a campaign against the union executive's allowed to negotiate their own decision to permit local productivity deal. Mr Michael tivity deals with the National McGahey, area president of the Coal Board.

The South Wales miners are seeking support in Yorkshire, Scotland, Kent and north Derby. shire for a ballot to begin early next year in pursuit of the

been tabled for next Monday's crucial meeting of the coalfield area council of the NUM. The voted for action to prevent incentive deals.

Men at one Scottish pit, Solsstrike in protest at not being productivity deal. Mr Michael McGahey, area president of the union, is to meet the 1,100 strikers on Sunday to explain

Mr John Hynd, a local branch chairman of the union, said: We have taken this action

By Annabel Fertiman

Health tax likely for

plementing its productivity plans on the ground that it is in breach of conference policy. Mr Arthur Scargill, left-wing president of the Yorkshire miners, said last night: "We consider that the action of the girth, vesterday continued their national executive was totally unconstitutional. It strikes at the basis of democracy in our

> "If we do not challenge it, the need for a national conference will disappear because the membership's views will no longer have any relevance." The three militant areas tak-

union's official claim for pay because we feel we are the union executive to court will rises of 90 per cent. The men highest producing mine in Scotargue that the union is bound would be asked to give an unmistakable "Yes" for industrial action. trial action.

The initiative is likely to be taken up in the other areas. In Yorkshire three resolutions calling for action of some each land.

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Leaders of the Yorkshire, South Derbyshire coaldield that taken up in the other areas. In will seek an injunction in the autonomy on pit incommendation of some each land.

to 9 last week to ignore the outlot that came down marginally against the introduction of local incentives. Mr Emlya Williams, South Wales miners' president, said yesterday's decision to seek support for a strike was taken "in order to preserve the sanctity of ballot box". He added: "I am sure that virrually the whole of the South Wales coalfield is behind us in

The conference also passed a motion of no confidence in the union's national president, Mr Joseph Gormley.

Censure of three priests by

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

munity in the West are mili-

The new parish in Halifax has been operating since October. Two of the three priests involved, Father Iwan Muzyczka and Father Mykola

Matyczak, were informed by letter from the Holy See that mouth that they should not "presume" to exercise their ministry without the express

permission of Bishop Horavak, and said that if they did so they

would be suspended from all priestly duties.

that he was suspended, for hear-ing confessions without Bishop Hornyak's authorization.

The statement added that

Archistop Heim had been instructed by the Vatican to give a wide circulation to the

reasons for those actions in order to clarify this question and so inform public opinion, both Catholic and Anglican. It declares that Ukrainian Catholics should be bound by their consciences.

their consciences to return to obedience to Bishop Hornyak,

and gives a warning that there are available "canonical sanc-tions and censures contemplated by the laws of the church".

tantly anti-Soviet

Increased support for the ing likely to be changed, be-Health Education Council and a cause it was strengthened as Three priests operating in Britain under the authority of Cardinal Slipyi, leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, have been consured by the Vatisystem of regular tax increases on alcohol and cigarettes to ensure that they remain relacan for opening a new parish in Halifax, West Yorkshire. That is the latest development in an increasingly flerce disrively expensive are also likely. The paper is a reply to the Commons Expenditure Committee's report on preventive medi-cine, published last February. in an increasingly flerce dis-pute between Cardinal Slipyi, with the backing of many Ukrainian communities in the West, and the Pope over whether the cardinal should be regarded as patriarch of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, The church, although not strictly speaking "Roman Catholic" is in full communion The committee's social services and employment sub-committee, chaired by Mrs Renée Short. Labour MP for Wolverhampton, North-east, recommended a shift of priorities as "a matter of life and death". strictly speaking "Roman Catholic", is in full communion On cigarette smoking, it prowith Rome, and the Apostolic Exarch in Great Britain, the Right Rev Augustine Hornyak,

is a member of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The disputed title of patriarch carries packets with it responsibility for the Ukrainian Catholic Church both Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, is unin the Soviet Union and in exile, and the controversy is coloured by the fact that many members of the Ukrainian com-

likely to announce more controls on sponsorship because Mr Howell, Minister of State for Sport, is preparing a state-ment to be issued soon.

high-tar cigarettes A health rax on high-tar likely to be changed substanticigarettes is likely to be pro-posed in a White Paper on pre-code came into effect in October ventive medicine being pub for an experimental three-year lished this afternoon.

period; nor is the health warn-

> part of the new code.
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> But a health tax on cigarettes with high tar yields is close to Mr Ennals's heart and was discussed among EEC health ministers on Tuesday in Brus-sels. The European Commission is to study acceptable common criteria for classifying cigarettes.

> The White Paper Is also likely to propose regular annual tax increases because of their considerable success in reducing consumption in the past.
> Other recommendations in

on cigaretic smoking, it proposed a ban on advertising except at the point of sale, stricter control of sponsorship, yearly increases in duty to produce yearly reductions in consumption, abolition of coupons, and stronger health warnings on for training and medical students.

Cigarettes up: The price of some brands of filter cigarettes will go up by as much as 6p for 20 on January 1, when the final stage of the EEC system of end-product duty comes into effect (a Staff Reporter writes).

Initiative on church authority is welcomed

By Our Religious Affairs

In a statement welcoming the recent agreement on the principles behind authority in the Church, jointly produced by Anglican and Roman Catholic specialists, the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales express their belief that the approach adopted will ultimately lead to visible unity.

The report of the bishops' own theological commission on the agreement is published today with the bishops' endorsement. It puts forward some reservations about certain aspects, but notes that those difficulties were expected by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission when

it drafted the agreed statement. The so-called Petrine texts-Gospel passages usually quoted in support of the primacy of Rome—can bear more weight than the international commission suggests, the English theologians commented. The agreed statement remarked that those texts were sometimes doubted as authentic records of Christ's actual words. But today's state-ment adds that Roman Catholic convictions about the See of Rome rest not on any particular text but on the convergence of Scripture and practice.

Other comments by the English theologians, pertic the outstanding areas of diffi-culty identified by the international commission, are in the direction of meeting some of the Anglican misgivings. They ask for the doctrines of the immaculate conception and the assumption to be seen with reference to the "great convictions of Christian faith", and states that the concept of the universal jurisdiction of the Pope, another Anglican stick-ing-point, undergoes constant develops.

The original statement ob-served that in theory and in practice the ideals for the handling of authority in the Church had not been met. The English commission accepts that, but adds: "We cannot require perfection in the ministers before responding in faith to the ministries of episcope and primacy which God wills for his church. It concludes: "Now that we have before us all the agreed have before us all me agreed statements, we will need to consider the terms and con-cepts which have arisen from and formed our thinking in the past: they are not easily separated from convictions we hold as central. Now we must ensure that the new approach, reflec-ted in these statements, secures national executive coun-mot avoid other issues which must be faced."

Change in law urged over Grunwick Act, an employer need not co- service but a state recruiting operate with Acas in supplying information vital to it in making

was confronted with difficulties in canvassing the opinions of workers still employed by the

company. Mr Roy Grantham, general secretary of Apex, which has spent £250,000 on strike pay and legal costs during the dispute, said yesterday that the strike would go on. He had asked Acas to start again on the recognition issue, to go back to the company and seek the opinions of all the workers and strikers, and submit another

report.

Mr Werd was jubilant, He said: "What matters is to observe the letter of the law, to respect the wishes of your employees and to be morably in the right. I believe the judgment windicates us on these

points.

"I am hopeful, particularly, because the rights of individuals have been reaffirmed by the highest court in the land."

Mr Grantham said the Lords' ruling meant that, under the present Employment Protection.

For Mr George Ward, manag-ing director of Grunwick, yesterday's ruling in the House

for his determination to resist

tactics of the trade unions.

In the beginning 16 months

ago, it was a battle that nobody thought he could win. Mr Ward's stand has evoked strong

ward's stand has evoked sizing admiration, almost hero worship, from a class of managers and Conservatives who would like to deal with the unions in the way that he has. The Selsdon group said at the height of the dispute that he was doing the Conservatives' in for them

job for them.
But his attitude has evoked

fury among trade unionists, who see him as a blindly stub-born employer who has refused to meet justified demands.

yesterday's ruling in the House of Lords is the culmination of a series of successes that would never have been attained but may have turned the tide. His

By Robert Parker

information vites to 11 m.
recommendations.
He said: "Clearly this is a
Catch-22 situation. The ball is
now firmly at the feet of Parliament to put it right. If now firmly at the feet of Par-liament to put it right. If someone can obstruct a body established by Parliament, the law will have to be amended." Mr Jack Dromey, secretary of Brent Trades Council and one of the leading figures behind the strikers campaign said: "I say once again, this dispute can only be won by trade union muscle." He criticized the TUC General Council and service

unions for refusing to cut off essential supplies to the company. Grunwick had won a technical victory on the way the ballot of workers had been carried out. carried out. The National Association for freedom, which has supported Mr Ward throughout the dispute, said the decision was a triumph for the rule of law rivernith for the rule of rade union bullies. It said: "The courts have shown that Acas is not an impartial advisory

Mr Ward will regard yester-day's result as a defeat for what he sees as the inexorable

great obsession has become the preservation of what he sees as individual liberty. The left, of course, argues that his philo-sophy means liberty only for

Mr Werd's outlook is perhaps

explained by his background and difficult early days. Of Anglo-Indian stock, he has be-

come "more English than the English".

His knowledge of English history is extensive, he spours

Shakespeare during interviews, talks incessantly about the great British traditions and fumes about the way the country is allowing them to slip

sergeant for union leaders. Acas should be scrapped and the next Conservative government must pledge itself to repeal the Employment Protection Act.

The dispute bas involved mass picketing on a scale not seen in Britain before. Violent clashes between police and pickets led to hundreds of arrests and many injuries. So serious was the violence that Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, set up a court of inquiry under Lord Scarman, which recommended the rein-

statement of the workers on went first to the High Court, which found in favour of Acas. The company appealed and the Court of Appeal ruled that the recommendation was void. Acas then appealed to the Lords. Earlier this week a Central Arbitration Committee tribunal ruled that pay and conditions at Grunwick were no lower than

those at similar companies and that a claim by Apex for equal

In tomorrow's Commons ques-tion Mr Andrew Faulds, Labour Mr George Ward's crusade for 'liberty' He arrived in England after his father's bankruptcy and death full of hope and ambition. But he encountered racial prejudice and had difficulty in establishing himself.

His mother and sister worked bard to finance his training as Grunwick was started a little more than 10 years ago as the result of a liaison with Mr John Hickey, now the codirector. The pattern was the familiar one: a few people worked long hours to get the company going. Mr Ward saw the attempt to unionize Grunwick as a threat Letter, page 19

anti-union, but feels that at the moment trade unionism benefits nobody.

Mr Ward's pugnacions character has been responsible more than anything else for the bitterness and length of the

to the way the company was

Printers ensure strike-hit papers' reappearance

By Christopher Thomas

based newspapers which they halted four months ago in sup-

silver of the Elizabethan period still in existence. He asks for government help, "bearing in mind the lack of funds available for the acquisition of works of art by the provincial museums and galleries."

Each flagon bears the maker's mark "IA", but his identity is unknown. What is recorded is that Sir Roger Mostyn died in 1642, leaving his tiser weekly series.
But in an act of defiance the

journalists yesterday rejected a "derisory" peace offer put forward by Westminster Press, one of the country's main provincial newspaper publishers. The six-month strike, the National Union of Journalists' longest, will therefore continue.
The strikers lost the printing workers' support last week, and printing union leaders ordered a return to work from this morning. The Evening Despatch, which sells only 15,500 copies, is losing its Saturday edition. It will be published tonight and the Northern Echo comorrow

morning. Mrs Josephine Kirk Smith,

Printing workers will today restart a series of Darlington-based newspapers which 1,300 Westminster Press editorial staff working on more than a hundred titles. A meeting in London resulted in almost total

ing unions, never very harmo-nious, are at a low ebb.

NUJ adjourns hearing: A move to bring 46 journalists employed by the Press Association before a National Union of Journalists complaints committee for defying a union strike call has been deferred indefinitely, Mr Robert Norris, the union's national organizer, said yester-

lowed a telephone call from the person who complained originally that the journalists had been guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the

The 46 included Mr Harold Pearson, a former NUJ presi-dent and a member of the union's national executive coun-

Weather forecast and recordings

the sub-editor whose refusal to join the union provoked the stoppage, is working normally on the Darlington and Stockton

England: Morning fog patches, dry, sundy spells; wind S light; Sun sets: max temp 7° to 9°C (45° to 48°F).

3.52 pm fog parches, dry, rather cloudy; Moon sets: wind S to SW, light or moderate; 10.11 pm max temp 8° to 10°C (46° to ber 17. 50°F). 8.0 am Moon rises : Moon sets : 11.9 am First quarter: December 17. Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.31 am cloudy, bright intervals; wind SW, light or moderate, mild; max temp 9°C (48°F).

High water: London Bridge, 4.44 am, 7.3m (22.8ft); 5.15 pm, 7.4m (24.2ft). Avonmouth, 10.25 am, 12.9m (42.3ft); 10.49 pm, 12.4m (40.5ft). Dover; 1.49 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 2.20 pm; 6.5m (23.3ft); 9.29 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft); 1.24 pm; 6.5m (23.7ft); 9.29 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft). Liverpool, 2.11 am, 9.1m (29.8ft); 2.32 pm, 9.3m (30.6ft).

An anticyclone will persist just to the SE of England; troughs of low pressure will cross Scotland. Forecasts ford 6 am to midnight:

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temp 9°C (48°F).

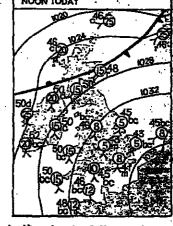
Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee: Rather cloudy, mainly dry; wind SW, moderate; man temp 9° ord: 10°C (48° to 50°F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyl; N Ireland: Cloudy, occasional rain; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 9° or 10° (48° to 50°F).

Ontlook for tomogrous and Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Drier over England and Wales, overnight fog patches and some frost; Scotland and N Ire-

iand will have occasional rain; becoming colder in 5. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c; cloud; d, drizzie;





sea smooth.

English Channel (E): Wind variable, light; sea smooth.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW backing S, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate. Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am fo 6 pm, 10°C (50°F); min; 6 pm su 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 80 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 1.033.1 milibars, rising.
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Present Land Fund 'fails to hold public confidence' By Philip Howard Eventually the council would Eventually the council would like an independent body on similar lines to the Arts Council to administer the fund. Meanwhile it recommended that a committee of relevant experts should be formed immediately to advise the Government on the according Mrs Jennifer Jenkins, chair-

man of the Historic Buildings
Council for England, told a parliamentary select committee
yesterday that the National
Land Fund did not command
public confidence in its present form. The negotiations leading to the sale of Mentmore Towers had not been satisfactorally

Mrs Jenkins and her council were giving evidence to the last public hearing of the environ-ment subcommittee of the Select Committee on Public Expenditure. The subcommittee is expected to publish its report in the spring.

Mrs Jenkins said: "The resources available to the National Land Fund are not adequate to meet the demands of the next few years. Public expenditure controls impose a rigidity that cannot meet the erratic and uncertain demands on the fund. "The system does not enable

the experts to meet to form a general view of the pros and cons of a particular call on the fund and make an agreed re-

land, and collections.

Lord Crawford and Balcarres, chairman of the Historic Build-ings Council for Scotland, agreed that the fund needed more money and needed to be free from transient public expenditure restrictions. A simple way of doing so would be to restore the £50m cut in the fund's capital in 1957, to generate sufficient annual interest However, the Scottish council does not agree that there should be a separate body of trustees

ernment on the acquisition of outstanding historic buildings,

to manage the fund. It considers that that would merely increase costs. Instead the Treasury should be told to run the fund as if they were trustees of a war memorial, which is what Mr Hugh Dalton

Status of Judges' Rules

The finding by Sir Heary down the conduct expected of the police had breached the Judges' Rules in their interrogation of youths involved in the case of Maxwell Confait, the homosexual prosti-Confait, the homosexual prosti-tute murdered at Catford, Lon-don, in 1972, has once again drawn attention to the strange status of those rules, and the sometimes ambiguous part they play in the criminal justice

They are not statutory, and have no formal legal status. They are drawn up by judges of the Queen's Bench Division under the Lord Chief Justice. Originally drawn up in 1905 at the request of the police, they are revised from time to time; the last revision was in

rogation being declared in-admissible. The decision on that is at the discretion of the trial

to allow evidence obtained in breach of the rules to be admitted unless the breach has been extremely serious.

That has led to criticism of

Recent experience suggests that, on the whole, judges tend

the rules on the ground that they are of little practical effect, and there have been proposals that they should be made statutory.

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By John Roper Health Services Correspondent

The Family Planning Association is seriously concerned about deterioration of the services offered since they were handed over to the National Health Service in 1974.

Mr Alastair Service, chairman of the essociation, said yesterday that it was ironic that while the Government had said "go " to a free service some people at local level in the NHS were calling "stop".
Faced with financial difficul-

ties, many area health authori-ties had looked at family planning, a mewcomer to their list of services, to make financial savings. It was time to halt the erosion of services throughout the country. The association and the Government knew that family planning was cost-effective. Ill planned cuts by area authoricies must not be allowed to jeopardize standards. - So far local and national pro-tests had kept cuts to a mini-mum. But in the past month the association had received reports of proposals for next year to cut out chinics in Oxfordshire, Brighton, Essex, Bexleyheath, west Hertford Bexleyheath west Hertford-shire and other areas.

Peterborough and Lancaster authorities were proposing to ban sterilizations of men and women at a time when the use of the pill for older women was being questioned, with the result that waiting lists for vasectomy and femalesteriliza-

tion had greatly increased.
Family planning was far too important in the everyday lives of most people for decisions on the level of provision, the type of services and the number and times of sessions to be left to the "service-chopping whims"

The association had proposed the Royal Commission on the National Health Service that a statutory family planning standards authority should be set up, with powers to direct that central policies should be

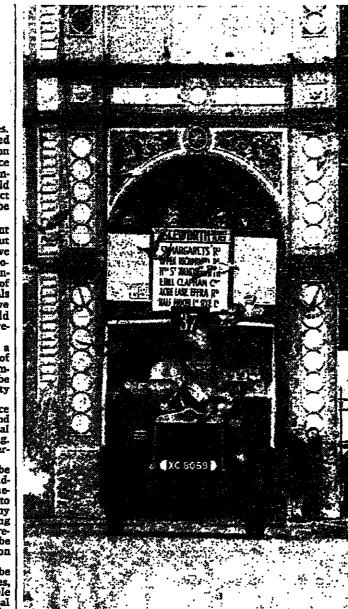
At present the Department of Health issued guidelines but area authorities did not have to follow them. The new authority, which would monitor standards, would be made up of family planning professionals and experts. They would have investigate powers and would be able to insist on improve-

ments where necessary.

They would be advised by a consumer panel of members of the public, newspaper columnists and others, and would be in close liaison with community health councils.

The aim would be to reduce unnecessary bureaucracy and achieve and maintain national standards of family planning. Area authorities should advertise the service More training should be

given to all concerned, includ-ing general practitioners. Chemists should be encouraged to play a greater role. Any restrictions on the advertising of contraceptives should be remore advertising of services on television and in newspapers. More provision should be made for specialist services, such as advising young people and dealing with psychosexual difficulties, subfertility, the menopause and counselling. National standards of education



New home: An open-top bus of the 1920s arriving yesterday in sex and personal relation-ships should be recognized and at the flower market building in Covent Garden, which will house London Transport's collection of old vehicles, now introduced compulsorily in

Scrutiny of hypermart plans urged

A cautious attitude to out-of-town hypermarkets is disclosed ance note to local authorities. It suggests that senior planners have modified their view that, in most cases, the damage they may do to established shopping centres outweighs their convenience and popularity.

The note emphasies the need

for careful study of economic, environmental, transport and social factors. But it observes that "it is not the function of land use planning to prevent or to stimulate competition among retailers or among methods of retailing, nor to preserve exist-ing commercial interests as such". Planning "must take into account the benefits to the public which flow from new developments in the distributive

and retailing fields". An accompanying circular contains a statement by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Department of Prices and Con-sumer Protection, which con-cludes that hypermarkets have a greater effect on large town centre supermarkets than on

local and specialist shops.

The guidance note observes that in 1985 about one family in three will still be without a car. and that large new stores should preferably be located where they can serve customers travelling on foot and by public

ransport.

Although the Government must still be informed of planning applications for shopping developments of 100,000 sq ft or more outside existing centres, it will use its own powers of decision only when issues of more than local importance are involved The implication is that the Government will not intervene

in proposed developments such as in the Kite area of Cambridge, where residents have opposed a proposed "regional" shopping centre.

Bus fares rise Bus fares in Oxfordsbire will rise by between 1p and 5p, 18 per cent, on January 1.

Threat to loans for film-making

The National Film Finance Corporation will face claims by the Government in 1978-79 for interest payments totalling £750,000, including £250,000 de-

ferred from last year. Sir John Terry, managing director of the corporation said yesterday that if the Government insisted on payment of all the interest it would absorb all the cash available for leanding to British film-makers. "I do not think the Government will be as unsympathetic as that", he said.

The annual report draws attention to information from the Department of Trade that sympathetic consideration was being given to possibility of allowing the corporation to draw £878,192—the balance of £2.73m released for its use last

be able to engage in any signifi-cant lending on its own".

Sir John said the corporation's record was unrivaled in the annals of the British film industry. In 28 years it had helped to finance 750 feature films, and one in three had shown a profit; no other film organization could show anyorganization could sho thing like that record.

The future was reasonably helpful. The Queen's Speech had announced a new Bill this session to increase the funds at the corporation's disposal. "If extra funds are made

available, we shall be able to make a significant contribution if two things happen in that Bill: the forgoing of interest on 'dead' money so we do not have this incubus of £500,000 a year around our income; and

by the Prime Minister's working party.

"This would bring in £800,000 annually, guarantee the Government against loss and encourage them to be more generous with a larger fund, and ir would attract further film 'angels' (backers) from private sources.

Sir John said that during the sast year they had financed ive films—" a somewhat insignificant contribution to the problems of the film industry —and during the present year they had been able to draw only £620,000, all of which was committed to present lending.
There was still £900,000 available for lending and two big projects beginning in the spring would take much of that.

The report discloses a ner loss of £2.1m this year. The total deficiency shown on opera-tions since 1949 is £8.1m, of which £4.3m was interest paid year—for the year from next the channelling into the protions since 1949 is £8.1m, of duction fund oof one fifth of which £4.3m was interest paid ment directed otherwise, interest payments would absorb forward a couple of years ago in operating expenses.

Regular sabbaticals are suggested for all return to their jobs renewed enthusiasm

Regular sabbatical leave for all workers, particularly those in boring jobs, is advocated in a Fabian Society research pamphlet published yesterday.

The author, Mrs Catherine Goyder, who undertook the study for the John Collins Memorial Lecture of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, says the present rigid division of life into work and leisure is unhealthy for both individuals and society. There should be much more flexibility in workng life to achieve a better balance of work, education and leisure throughout life.

All workers should be able to devote a concentrated period of time to an interest of their choosing, even if the interest is merely in taking holidays, before their full-time retire-ment, when age, lack of money and reduced enthusiasm make new experiences more difficult to contemplate. Workers would

Tapes may

be used to

test school

Tape-recorded interviews may

be used in place of written examinations to help the Gov-ernment to assess the standards of science in the nation's

schools.

A consultative document issued yesterday from the science steering group at the Assessment of Performance Unit in the Department of Education and Science says special provision will be made for testing and second deficients.

ing pupils who have difficulty in reading or writing. A tape recorder might be used or the test administrator might record

might also be used for abler children. Talking with a child

to allow him to express con-cepts in his own way and questioning him about his re-sponses may be the most effec-

tive way of revealing certain of his ideas, the document says. Skill in bandling instruments

or apparatus might be assessed by observation of the pupil's

performance in practical situ-ations rather than by written

test.
The Assessment of Perform-

ance Unit is to begin testing science standards in 1980, study

ing three groups, each of about 12,000 children: the 10 to 11

year-olds in the last year of primary school; 15 to 16-year-

The consultative document

thas been sent to organizations and individuals concerned with

science education in schools. They have been asked to submit

olds; and 12 to 13-year-olds.

an oral response, Tape-recorded

science

By Our Education

possibly with new interests that they could pursue part-time.

The lives of most ordinary people are restricted by a tread-mill of daily routine to be followed in the evening of their years by a vacuum of time labelled 'retirement'", the pamphlet says. Workers at present eligible for sabbatical leave are those already likely to derive high satisfaction from their jobs, like journalists, teachers and senior manage-ment, and are therefore in least need of breaks in routine.

The author thinks children should leave school as soon as they are bored with it, after a author thinks children certain period of compulsory schooling, and should be able to return to their education later when they can derive benefit from it.
"Thoughout life,

chunks of time- are set aside and labelled as education, work, leisure and retirement

with Most of these divisions of time and are unnatural. They are im-s that posed by the demands of the labour market and the present structure of industrial society. If it were possible to forget

about these categories, life would be seen as one continuous process in which work, education and leisure were closely related." Sabbatical leave should not

be spent in the never-ending toil of housework or "do-it-yourself". It is essentially an educational experience, a breathing space for the devel-opment of individuality outside the inevitably repressive work world, she says.

A crucial age for taking a longer break from work is during middle age before the indi-vidual begins to think about planning his retirement. A break at that time may also be beneficial to health. men die soon after retirement. but preretirement courses can help.

There should also be greater flexibility in the home, being the suggestion that men should spend long periods locking HOME NEW

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The costs of setting top schemes of subbatical leave which is seen as a way of helping to reduce both overmann and unemployment, should be met from the resources normally allocated in industry to research and management development. Mrs Goyder also suggests that contributions to occupational pension schemes

could be so arranged that a

"buy" a

worker could

sabbatical. There are few guidelines on how often sabbatical leave should be granted, except a reminder that the term con from the Old Testament, which uses it to designate the seventh

year of cultivation, in which a field lies fallow.

Subbaticals for Ail by Catherine Goyder; NCLC Publishing Society, 60p.

Airlines say profits from European fares fail to cover future capital needs

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

European airlines denied yesterday that their fares were too high in relation to costs and said that on routes shorter than 400 kilometres they were

The Association of Europe Airlines, chaired by Mr Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian Airways, agreed that normal air fares in Europe were higher than those in other areas but said more special discount fares were offered. Although most airlines made

profit on their European networks in general they were insufficient to cover future capital requirements. The association's view came on the day when the annual report of the British Airline

Users' Committee referred again to European air fares as a complex jungle ". The independently chaired committee established by the

Civil Aviation Authority to look after the interests of air-line passengers said it had received complaints about the level of scheduled service fares, nostly to Scandinavia.

Two airlines had also complained to it about the high level of fares they had to charge for passengers and cargo on cross-Channel services. Neither was a member of the haternational Air Tenanture Association tional Air Transport Associa-tion, but they had to implement decisions negotiated by member airlines ostensibly acting on their behalf and subse quently approved at government

The committee also expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of February.

Assessment of Scientific Development (Assessment of Performance Unit, Department of Education and publicity given to the true AUC Annual Report (Civil Avia-meaning of "status OK" tion Authority, 37, Granton Road, stamped on air tickets and the compensation payable to 2BN, 75p). Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, Loudon SE1).

eat after paying for their

nickets. "No information is given to passengers until they are actually off-boaded. We consider that customers are entitled to know conditions when tickets are purchased. In addition, compensation applies to only one half of the ticket, the out-ward half, and this is some-

thing that the public does not expect. Sir Archibald Hope, chairman of the committee, criticized airlines for refusing to give information on operating costs,

so that their arguments for in-creasing fares could be vali-dated; and on punctuality. "We do not understand why the airlines cannot be forced to

provide details and we shall follow this up as hard as we can", he said. Despite the disruption of air travel in Britain through a series of strikes the committee received fewer passenger com-plaints during 1976-77 than in

previous years; 276, as against 331 in 1975-76 and 442 in 1974-"With no statistics from operators about the number of complaints received, we are unable to reach any conclusion on this point", the report said.

The largest number complaints concerned flight arrangements, followed by flight cancellations and delays, then tariffs and then reserva-tions. The committee expressed amazement at the number of complaints still being received about loss of valuables packed in baggage sent for carriage in aircraft holds.

Deserter jailed

Ralph Liddle, siged 23, an army deserter, of Stoke-on-Trent, was juiled at Winchester

He was also sentenced to a further 30 months' imprisonment to run consecutively, after admitting burglary, defrauding the Department of Health and Social Security, and

named White, and a girl, Kay Willis, who weer together on the expedition to Breamore, faced 10 separate charges. Miss Willis was given a seven-month prison sentence, suspen-ded for two years, and put on probation for two years after pleading guilty to burglary. Mr

pleading gusty to burglary. Mr
White was sent to prison for
three and a half years after
pleading gusty to burglary,
unlawfully possessing three
shotguns and driving while
disqualified.

Campaign to stop closing of a hospital succeeds

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced yesterday that St Nicholas Hospital, Plumstead, London, would not be closed, as had been planned by the area authority to save 1980,000 running costs. Overspending amounts to abour £1.75m.

The minister's alternative concerned will have to decide by the end of February, involves closing three smaller hospitals and possibly two more. If all five were closed it was estimated that there would be a similar saving of nearly a million pounds.

The three to be closed are The three to be closed are Eltham and Mortingham Hospital (51 beds), Bexley Maternity Hospital (30 beds) and the Bexley and Welling: Hospital (26 beds). The Memorial Hospital, Woolwich (84 beds) and the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, Woolwich (14 beds) are also likely wich (41 beds) are also likely

At a press conference Mr Ennals agreed that the strong and well conducted local cam-paign against the closure of the St Nicholas Hospital had some there were always procests about the closing of any hospital and he had to make his decision on a pattern of services that best met an area's needs. He had visited the area and had no doubt that there had to be some retionalization. In both estimated needs and the national average the area had significantly more acute beds than were needed.

ing well above its budget. That could not continue because other areas in Kent were suffer-ing. The difficulties went back

The public had not realized the implications of the opening of two district general hospitals, the Greenwich District General and Queen Mary's, Sidcap. There was a network of small, uneconomic hospitals that were no longer necessary.

Mr Ennals said St Nicholas Hospital was of value, well stuated to service a community whose population was growing, and he did not think it right to close it.

The hospital would lose its 24-hour accident and emergency service, although a day-time service, although a day-time casualty service would remain. Geriatric patients from the Memorial Hospital would be transferred to it under the plan. Mr Ennals said he knew there would be objections to the closing of the smaller hospitals, but they had been underoccupied for a long time and services were now provided more effectively elsewhere.

MoT for caravans

Owners of all motor caravans that are three years or more old will need MoT test certificates for their vehicles from January

towns to councils approved Crawley, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead and Welwyn Garden City. In all, nearly 100,000 houses are

Transfer of housing in new

corporations to band over to dis-trict councils more than 30,000 reuted houses in three new towns on April 1, 1978, were approved yesterday by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment.

the Environment.

Other properties, including garages, shops, public houses and open spaces, will also be transferred. The three towns are Harlow, Essex, and Aycliffe and Peterlee, in Durham.

From the date of transfer the work of the development corporations in managing the houses, including maintenance and repairs, rent collection and new tenancy allocations, will be taken over by the councils.

Those transfers are the latest in a series due to take effect in April under the New Towns (Amendment) Act, 1976. Mr Shore has already approved

In Basildon, Essex, the housing transfer is not expected to take place until 1980 at the earliest, because of Basildon council's rejuctance to take over the function from the development corporation pay for finanment corporation now for finan-cial reasons.

Instead the two bodies have appointed a joint housing manager, the first appointment of its kind in Britain. The council described the new post as part of "a harmonization of housing policies" which would smooth the way for the council to take over all corporation dwellings. Mr Brin Jones, manager of the council's personal services division, has been appointed to the position. Basildon is one of in a series due to take effect in the first-generation new towns. April under the New Towns The Government hopes that it (Amendment) Act, 1976. Mr will be able to make the transfers in Corby, Bracknell, second-generation ones in 1980.

Mixed-ability classes 'improve conduct but make heavy demands on teachers'

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent More evidence that mixedability classes are a mixed blessing in teaching mathe-matics is provided by a Schools Council report published to-

day.

The report is based on a survey by a working group of teachers and others concerned with teaching mathematics. It relates to 26 schools, all but one secondary, where mixed-ability teaching was the policy for at least the first year and in some cases for up to the fifth year.

It is not intended to give an objective judgment on mixed-ability teachinf in mathematics, but rather to provide examples of good practice, pimpoint the difficulties and offer advice to teachers who are already doing mixed-ability teaching or who are thinking of setting up such as such. We have, however, artempted to produce a survey from which we hope teachers will be able to derive encouragement and glean relevant information and fresh insight."

The advantages that teachers believed they had gained from adopting mixed ability classes included social benefits for the children; curricular development because teachers were forced to rethink aims and objectives; greater awareness of individual differences between pupils and the need to provide for those differences; and a good working atmosphere in the classroom with fewer behaviour difficulties between

mixed-ability teaching or who are thinking of setting up such classes.

Nor is it intended to be evangelistic in character, Mr R. T.

Mixed-ability teaching was also found to raise the levels of expectation of both teachers and pupils. Pupils lost the sense of defeat or failure sometimes

Richardson, chairman of the experienced in mathematics working group, says in a fore- and gained a sense of enjoyword to the report. "We are ment and achievement, the not concerned to win converts report says.

But mixed-ability teaching made heavy demands on the teacher both inside and outside the classroom. The bright pupils were often understretched and the less able not always pro-vided with suitable tasks or Among those aspects men-

tioned as particularly important for successful mixed ability teaching are: a wide and varied range of teaching materials combining individualized and class-based work; discussion between teacher and pupil and between pupils; good record-keeping of individual pupils. progress; and the encourage-ment of self-discipline and cooperation among pupils.

Mixed Ability Teaching in Mathematics. (Schools Council, Evans/Methuen Educational,

after killing

Crown Court yesterday for 12 months for the manslaughter of Kenneth Green, aged 18, a policemen's son, of Breamore,

having cannabis.

Before Mr Little was sentenced he and his friend a man

Appeal from Strasbourg to Britain to put interest of the Community first

An appeal to the United Government to choose Community interest instead of legitimate but domestic interest" and make quick progress on a date for European direct elections came

not a surprise. As president of the commission I regret it still more deeply because it makes it more likely that Britain alone will delay the ability of the from M Henri Simonet, presimportant democratic advance. dent of the Council of Ministers. The priority now is to reduce when he reviewed the six-month to a minimum the period of Belgian presidency at the European parliament yesterday.

He said that in Tuesday's vote the Commons had selected " the most difficult system" if elections were to be organized for May or June 1978. But he hoped direct elections during next year would still be possible. That would mean the British Government choosing the interest of the Community rather than domestic solutions. It was extremely important for the EEC that, after the Westminster decision, a date should be appointed for European elections that would not be too remote from the original

Mr Roy Jenkins, president of the commission, commented in Strasbourg that as a former unconvinced that the adoption of the first-past-the-post system need involve a long delay.

Although he did not follow the example of M Simonet by mentioning the Westminster vote during a statement to the European Parliament on the

December European Council, he lost no time in publishing a press note.

It said: "The result last night was a disappointment, if not a surprise. As president of How MPs voted: Labour MPs

who voted on Tuesday night for the amendment for the first-past-

who voted on Tuesday night for the amendment for the first-past-the-past system of elections to the European Parliament were:

Mr Allam, Salford E: Mr R. Aldns, Preston N: Mr Alkinson, Haringey, Tottenham; Mr Bagler, Sunderland S: Mr Bonn, Bristol SE: Mr R. Bennett. Siockport N: Mr Bidwell, Ealing, Southall: Mr Booth, Barrow-In-Furnees; Mr Bonn, Bristol SE: Mr A. Broughton, Ballay and Morley: Mr Bottomley, Tersalde, Middlesbrough: Mr Brys, Motherwell and Wishaw: Str A. Broughton, Ballay and Morley: Mr Buthan, Renirewshire W: Mr J. Butler, Baringey, Wood Green.

Mr J. Callagham, Middleton and Presiwich: Mr Cannichael, Glasgow, Keylongover, Mr Cardicael, Glasgow, Keylongover, Mr B. Devios, Enfield M. Mr Deakins, Wallham Forest, Wallhamstow; Mr B. Brigg and Scunthorper, Mr English, Notlingham W: Mr A. Evans, Caertollingham W: Mr A. Evans, Caertollingham W: Mr A. Evans, Caertollingham, Mr E. English, Notlingham W: Mr A. Evans, Caertollingham, Brigg and Scunthorper, Mr English, Notlingham, Mr E. Edward, Mr J. Ellas, Nowton: Mr Fernyhough, Jarrows M. Flanday, Shellield, Hillish Nr Goodid, Southampton Test; Mr G. Garatt, Morpelli Mr Grocott, Uchfield and Tanwasth.

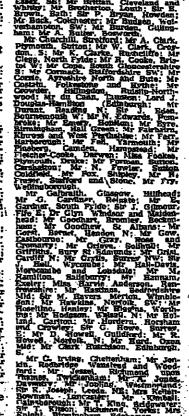
Mr Hauton, Manchaster, Moss Side; Mr Bauman, Wewyn and Hatfield: Mr

hir Janner. Leicester W: Mr Jav. Wandsworth. Bettersea, N: Mrs Jegor. Camden. Hohorn and St Rancras S: Mr H. Jenkins, Wandsworth. Pulney: Mr Kerr. Hounslow. Feltham and Henton: Mr Kiroy-Silk, Oranskirk.

Mr Latham. City of Westminster. Paddington: Mr Lamoné. Oldham E: Mr A. Latham. City of Westminster. Paddington: Mr Lee, Birmingham. Handsworth: Miss Lester. Eton and Stough: Mr A. Lewis, Novrham NW: Mr R. Lowis, Cartislo: Mr Littorick. Birmingham Selly On. Mr Littorick. Birmingham Selly On. Mr Littorick. Birmingham Wr Mr Loyden. Liverpool. Garston: Mr Mr A. Lowis, Mr McCartney. Dunbartonghina Cantral: Dr McCartney. Dunbartonghina Cantral: Dr McCartney. Redarides, Hord, S.; Mr P. Share, Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar; Mrs Shart, Wolverhampton Mr.; Mr Skinner, Bolsover, Mr W. Small, Classow, Garcadden; Mr Spearing, Newham S.; Mr Spriggs, St Helens; Mr Stoddart, Swindon; Mr R. Thomas, Bristol NW, Mr Thome, Preston S. Mr Tierney, Birmingham, Vardiey, Mr Torney, Bradford S. Mr Urwin, Houghton-le-Spring; Mr Wiley, Sunderland, N. Mrs Wiss, Cavenary SW; Mr Woolf, Bladout Mrs who voted against the amendment were:

Mr D. Anderson, Swansee E: Wr Archer, Warley W. Ar Armstrong, Durham NW, Mr Ashley, Sloke-on-Trent S. Mr J. Bernett, Reswood and Royston; Mr G. Bearactt, Greenwich;

Abstained Total or absent Noes Labour 147 Conservatives 61 Liberais 13 Scot Nat Ulster U & others Pl Cymru Scot Lab SDLP Irish Ind 85 630 Speaker and chair Seat vacant (Redbridge, Ilford North) Total Totals include telters. The majority against PR was 97.





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Labour leaders delay decision on automatic reselection for MPs

By Michael Harfield

Labour's heated argument over whether MPs should automatically face reselection before a general election, part of a campaign organized by the left, was put back into the melting pot yesterday at a meeting of the national execurive committee, in which he

Some right wing Labour MPs were breathing a sigh of relief last night because they saw themselves as the object of the strategy organized by the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy, which coliminated in a resolution to the annual party conference this year.

The resolution was remitted, the resolution was remitted, the resolution was remitted.

but it was expected that the executive, dominated by the left, would bring-forward proposals for automatic resslection. It has now been decided to set up a work-ing party, which well include MPs and constituency party MPs and constituency party representatives and not just national executive members. While Mr Ian Mikardo, MP, strongly objected to the working party, first proposed by the narry's organization committee on the casting vote of its chair-man, Mr Bryon Stanley, of the Post Office Engineering Union, Mr Callaghan said that autonecessarily the best va to run had

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the working party the Prime Minister, jokingly but with undisguised rebef, said: "I could have left earlier". knew that the Parliamentary Labour Party was against autothat a proposal should be put to

the conference, which could defeat it if it wanted to. Mr Callaghan would have none of it. That was a flatfooted way of handling it, he said, suggesting that Mr Mikardo was usually far more subtle. "Our object is to try to get agreement with est concerned before we put anything to conference."

The executive committee elso held off union pressure for an inquiry into the party's organinett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, who first suggested the idea, to hear his views. the debate agreeing with Mr. Foot that it would be best to bear what Mr Basnett had to say before taking ony further

Mr Mikardo was also against the enquiry, particularly in what might be a general elec-tion year, although the Prime Minister raised doubts on that when he said that some people had suggested 1978, but he the party. When the executive wanted "to make it absolutely voted 14 to 11 in favour of clear there was also 1979".

Planning order is withdrawn

By Our Planning Reporter The Government appounced vesterday that it is withdrawing the controversial Town and Country Planning General Development Order for further consideration. The order was intended to relax planning controls and was expected to reduce the number of applications by up to a fifth.

The surprise announcement came only a day after indica-tions that the Government was ready to overtide opposition, ready to override opposition, including a motion carried in he Lords last week, calling for the order to be withdrawn. On lucsday evening Mr Shore, ecretary of State for the Entropment, told journalists that he was willing to consider the lattices in and particle. objections in and outside Par-

tee on planning procedures would be published shortly.

Jail hostage move

aken hostage by prisoners.

Mr Keating for trial on £6,000 bail

Tom Keating, aged 60, the Essex artist, was committed at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, for trial at the Central Criminal Court on nine charges relating to the sale of works by him as being those of earlier, bester known artists. He was granted had in f6 000. He was granted baff in f6,000.

Lionel Evans, aged 45, an antique dealer, of Fountain House, East Bergholt, Suffolk, was also sent for trial on bail of £2,000.

Both are jointtly accused of

conspiracy to defraud and three counts of obtaining money by deception. Mr Keating, of Lower Park, Dedham, alone faces five further charges of making false representations. The conspiracy charge concerns the false representation of four paintings as the genuine works of Samuel Palmer. The Nament, bur gave no hinr of low immediate action.

Yestenday's: statement also ing dated 1825 presented as a said that the Government's response to the report by the Commons expenditure commits.

The five false representation charges against Mr Keating relate to obtaining cheques for £399, £8,6667, £3,750; obtaining Jail hostage move

A new office is being built of £3.600 it Miss Jane Kelly; utside Parkhurst prison, Isle of Vight, to reduce the risks to for £4,000, all relating to paintings represented as the work of Samuel Palmer.

black people in Liverpool, some of them of the fourth and fifth

generations, who remained un-employed and badly housed.

commission agreed that very

great credit reflected upon them, and their community

leaders, for the fact that there had been no outbreaks of vio-

Answering questions about

the attitudes of employers in Liverpool, where there are far fewer black bus drivers or shoo

assistants than in most large English ciries, Mr Alen Wilson, a commissioner based in Man-chester, said: "The local

He and other officials of the



Queen Elizabeth in her coronation robes.

Painting of Elizabeth I for National Portrait Gallery

at Sotheby's yesterday for £35,000. Sotheby's gave £5,000 to be crowned with their hair and Hugh Leggatt, who bid for the painting on the gallery's behalf, gave £1,000 towards the total.

total.

The painting has in the past been attributed to Holbein and to Guillim Scrots, but its true authorship is uncertain. The same image of the Queen, with her hair over her shoulders, and wearing a "mantle of clothe of golde, tissued with golde and silver, furred with powdered armyons [ermines] "formed the pattern for official depictions of her on coins, documents and her first seal.

There is also a miniature copy

The only known painting of the portrait by Nicholas
The only known painting of Hilliard in the collection of the
Queen Elizabeth I in her
coronation robes was acquired
by the National Portrait Gallery
at Sotheby's yesterday for
f35 000 Solvey

rubies and pearls. The costume appears in the royal wardrobe inventory of 1600, where there is a note of "one kirlte . . . the traine and skirtes furred with powdered armyons, the rest lined with sarceonet, with a pair of bodies and sleeves to the same".

The painting, which seems in

good condition, was formerly in the collection of the Earls of Warwick at Warwick Castle.

Inquiry into availability of loans for fishing boats

Mr Douglas Henderson, by a Scottish National Party MP for loan Aberdeenshire, East, read to a Commons standing committee white Fish Authority which said that it had been hoping to formulate a policy for new building but that had not been possible because EEC fisheries policy was not yet complete.

"We are continuing to After the committee had approved continuation for a further year orders providing to the represent them in the next National Assembly. This undecided group is numerically larger than any of the committee supporters except the Socialists, according to the Sofres opinion poll published in Le Figuro today.

"We are continuing to promised to look into the standard party they will thouse to represent them in the next National Assembly. This undecided group is numerically larger than any of the committee had approved continuation for a further year orders providing standard party they will thouse to represent them in the next National Assembly. This undecided group is numerically larger than any of the committee had approved continuation for a further year orders providing to represent them in the next National Assembly. This undecided group is numerically larger than any of the committee that had not been building but that had not been will be a provided group is numerically larger than any of the committee that had not been building but that had not been building Aberdeenshire, East, read to a Commons standing committee "We are continuing to approve applications for new fishing vessels but our policy is an interim one of containment

Mr Henderson said there

to be setting a lead. There has been little evidence of their

showing any interest in the problem in the past."

Mr David Mills, a field wor-

ker specializing in Liverpoot's difficulties, said that one of the most depressing signs was

that there was "a presumption of discrimination" among black

Mr Lane said that the main

strategy for the commission in the North-west would be to act

as a catalyst for voluntary action to give effect to the new

oy Our Parliamentary Staff
Reports that loans are not to be made available next year for new fishing boats are being investigated by Mr Bishto, minister of State for Agriculture, Risheries.
Mr Dooglas Henderson

After the committee had

wards that Mr Bishop had promised to look into the matter. He said that in spite of the difficulties of the industry it was important for new building to continue to replace old

Professor Max Beloff joins

Conservatives

Professor Max Beloff, a former Liberal, has joined the Conservatives. Formerly Glad-stone Professor of Government and Public Administration at Oxford University, he was a past president and member of Oxford City Liberal Association until he resigned from the party

people there. They did not ex-pect fair treatment, and were becoming accustomed the the Liberal policies on education. defence, industrial democracy and finally the pact with Labour had convinced him that the Liberals had lost their way. Professor Beioff, now Principal of the independent University College, at Buckingham, said: "Classical Liberalism was conlaw. "The task is as difficult as it is urgent", he said. the individual and the breaking down of social, political and religious barriers, but that stand in the British political tradition

identified

The virus that caused the death of three babies at Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cam-bridge, was identified yesterday as an echo virus, type 11, one of 33 echo types in the entero

weak, premature or ill babies

£15,000 theft at cathedral

badly demaged in a film fire last year, are likely to be delayed for at least a year, a council official said yesterday. Town councillors are pressing for rebuilding work to be halted in an effort to avert rate rises next year. The policy and resources committee wants repairs to be abandoned.

WEST EUROPE

Resignation of Defence Minister demanded as Herr Schmidt is attacked over Bonn spying scandal

From Patricia Clough

From Patricia Chough
Bonn, Dec 14
The Opposition today
demanded the resignation of
Herr Georg Leber, the West
German Defence Minister, and
attacked Herr Schmidt, the
Chancellor, for what called
the biggest spy case the country
has known.

has known.

Herr Heamut Kohl, the
Christian Democratic leader,
said the Chancellor had joint responsibility for the serious scandal in which photocopies of more than 1,000 top secret documents from the Defence Ministry were passed to East Herr Schmidt told the Cabinet today that the case should under no circumstances

should under no circumstances be played down or made light of, although he emphasized that he did not share the Opposition's view of it, the Government spokesman said.

Herr Kohl's demand for Herr Deba's registation come as the Deber's resignation came as the shocked capital began to react to the news that many vital

Husband's

kidnap gang

Vienna Dec 14.—Herr Leo-pold Boehm, an Austrian busi-nessman, roday urged the kidnappers of his wife, Lotte, to make contact with him. He told them her health was deteriorating.

He broadcast his appeal more than 40 hours after two masked gunmen seized Frau Boehm, who is 42, outside her Vienna

home on Monday night, Friends say she needs regular medical treatment following a major

Police, facing their second kidnap here in five weeks, are working on several theories, including a possible link with the West German Baader-Mein-

hof terror group, who were behind the abduction last month of Herr Walter Michael

Palmers, an Austrian million-aire, who was released after his family peid a ransom of 31 million schillings (£1,176,000).

plea to

According to a Defence Ministry analysis of information collected by the investigators, they included details of the structure and state of the West German armed forces, their future plans their crisis and stand-by planning and their knowledge of the state of the Warsaw Pact forces.

The parliamentary defence committee today decided to investigate the affair after a brief and minformative appearance by Herr Leber. The minister reportedly told them that Dr Kurt Rebmann, the federal prosecutor that in federal prosecutor, was in charge of the case and they should look to bim for informa-

tion.

He said he could say no more than he told the press yesterday and, despite entreaties to stay, left hurriedly

West German and Nato military minister had chosen to speak to the press first, the defence committee has turned itself into an investigating committee and is proposing to look into questions which an opposition

spokesman said Herr Leber "clearly does not want to face." It is expected also to go into allegations that investigations were obstructed by high-ranking ministry officials. The opposi tion members in particular want to know how the chief of the personnel department, whose secretary is alleged to have photocopied the documents, had access to top secrets which apparently did not concern his

Disciplinary proceedings against the chief of the personnel department, Dr Herbert Laabs, were opened yesterday at Dr Laabs's own request and he was suspended from his pos A brief debate on the affair which was scheduled for ques-

for an engagement with the tion time in Parliament was visiting Portguese President.

Already irritated that the decided to start investigations.

Canaries separatists shoot policemen

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Dec 14

Canary Islands separatists shot two policemen in Tenerife today, in the aftermath of the fatal shooting of a student demonstrator by police on Mon-

The policemen are reported hospital spokesman in the island's capital Santa Cruz, said that one of them may have to have an arm emputated.

It was the second day running that shotguns had been fired at policemen in the island from a car during darkness. The extremist organization, Movement for the Self-Deter-mination and Independence of

the Canary Islands, claimed re-sponsibility for the attacks in telephone call to a local news-

had been started a few hours earlier by a gang of youths throwing petrol bombs. Specially trained rior-control police were flown to Tenerife from Zaragoza and Mudrid As protests grew about the

use of bullets by police in dealing with disturbances such as recovering, although a took place at La Laguna univer-all spokesman in the sity in Tenerife on Monday, 's capital, Santa Cruz, said Señor Adolfo Suarez conferred one of them may have to this morning in Madrid with Señor Rodolfo Martin Villa, the Interior Minister.

In Salamanca one of the highest ranking members of the Civil Guard, Brigadier General Manuel Prieto Lopez, said: "We are sorry about all the deaths, but we cannot just let ourselves be killed without using the means which have been placed in our hands."

paper.
The two policemen were shot Fernandez, aged 23, was while they stood guard outside buried in Las Palmas, on the a Santa Cruz store to prevent neighbouring island of Gran looting following a fire which Canaria, yesterday afternoon.

Polisario to free Frenchmen

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Dec 14

The eight French technicians held as hostages by the Poli-sario Front—six were taken in May, and two in October—are to be freed soon, the Front informed M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, in a personal message last night.

A statement issued by Socialist Party headquarters, today said that he had been told that the men were in good bealth, were well treated, and that the Polisario Front had decided to release them. Their families' lawyers had informed.

This confirms recent rumours that the hostages would be freed about Christmas or the New Year. Asked why the Polisario Front has passed the sano rront has passed the information to the Socialist Party, a party spokesman said that the Western Sahara rebels wished to show their gratitude to the French Socialists for urging the French Government to recognize them.

A year ago, M Mitterrand had criticized the Government's refusal to consider the aspirations of the Saharoui people out of deference to the wishes of Morocco. Early last month, a delegation of the French Socialist Party went to Algers Socialist Party went to Algiers and met representatives of Polisario Front to negotiate the release of the hostages.

Attempts made by the Government about the same time to negotiate through M Claude Chayet were unsuccess-♠1. M Chayet, who went to Algiers several times to meet members of the Polisario Front, was told that the Frenchmen were not hostages but prisoners of war, because France bad failed to recognize the Frant. M Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, also announced just before leaving Algiers today that the hostages would.

soon be freed. He visited Algiers at the head of a large delegation and met President Boumediene of Algeria privately for an bour

The decision to release the hostages is felt in Paris to be. the upshot of realization by the Polisario rebels that their con-

Growing number of French floating voters speak on their behalf, includdemonstrable success he has

Paris, Dec 14

operation.

With just 87 days left until the general elections 20 per cent of the French voters still cannot make up their mind which party they will choose to

An analysis of the voting intentions of the 80 per cent who now say they have made up their minds is very similar to all recent polls. The left has 50 per cent support, the Majority coalition can expect 47 per cent support and the ecologists get the remaining three per cent on the first round.

There are no surprises in this and the big question must still be whether most of the unthe election comes.

S Africa's

submarine

is launched

Paris, Dec 14

From Our Own Correspondent

The first of the two sub-

marines ordered by South Africa from the shipyards of

Dubigeon-Normandie in Nante was launched into the Loire

last night without any cere-mony. Originally due in Sep-tember, the launch was delayed

by a series of strikes at the shipyard. Although France has under-taken under the United Nations

Security Council's arm's embargo agreed last month not to deliver the submarines or the two escort vessels ordered by South Africa, work is going ahead to finish them. An assur-

ance policy was taken out covering interruption of work

One of the two escort ves-sels, the Good Hope, is moored

in the inner barbour in Lorient

Its sea trials were suspended when the arms embargo was

From Our Own Correspondent

Bonn, Dec 14
The West German Defence
Ministry today dismissed as
"pure nonsense" a report that
it is secretly testing Cruise and
intermediate-range ballistic mis-

siles in Zaire.

A West German space and

communications company, how-

ever, said that it is testing satellite-launching rockets for

Bonn dismisses

missile tests

Bonn, Dec 14

" political motives ".

decided 20 per cent—one per cent more than in a similar poll last month—will opt for a change or the status quo when

In an effort to swing the electorate to support the Majority, President Giscard d'Estaing has allowed M Michel Poniatowski, his fiery champion, to take to the hustings to back with his oratorial skills any Majority candidate who asks for his help M Poniatowski left his his help. M Poniatowski left his Government post as Minister for the Loterior in May to act as the President's personal representative on trips abroad. Last night he made his return

to the political scene with a remarkably muted speech at Saint Ouen l'Aumone, in the Val d'Oise. He called on the French to unite behind the President as they entered an era of turbulence, high energy costs and the emergence of new

costs and the emergence of new industrial powers.

He attacked the Socialists as the party of "smoke-makers and foggy strategies", and wondered how they could possibly hope to govern after a breakdown of the talks for the Community. the Communists.

Although it was a low key performance, it has attracted a great deal of attention in the press and already 17 Majority

ing several Gaullists.

The Sofres poll holds few surprises, although it does show that M Barre, the Prime Michigan in the surprises in the surprise of the su snow that M Barre, the Prime Minister, is less popular than he was a mooth ago, while M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader is an arrangement of the Socialist leader. ist leader, is as popular as ever, M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, would be dis-appointed to see—if he has time —that his support has dropped slightly over the month.

The poll does show that the troubles of the Left scarcely

seem to be affecting their level of committed support, although it is impossible to say how it may be affecting that 20 per cent floating vote.
The poll also shows that the number of people who believe the Left can win the election

is slowly growing again com-pared to the period immediately after the breakdown of the talks for the Common Pro-

For M Barre the key to elec-toral success lies in the success of the measures he has been taking to strengthen the French economy, to cut inflation and tion campaign they to reduce unemployment. Un-fortunately for him, the only the floating voter.

which cannot be expected to win the popular vote-external trade deficits at the end of last. ened against the dollar.

there was better news for Government yesterday, with the Government yesterday, with the publication of seasonally adjusted figures showing a 14 per cent drop in the number of jobless over the past three-months from 1,215,000 to 1,054,000. However, the Communists laws immediately claimed that the Government is munists have immediately claimed that the Government is deliberately hiding the real, figure which is over 1,600,000 according to numbers registered at the labour exchanges. On the wages front, too, the

Communists are disputing Government figures that pay rises are staying just ahead of inflation. Statistics may well be regarded as the superlative form of the lie, but in an election campaign they are certain tion campaign they are certain to be used extensively to woo

Call for action to help young blacks Mr Surenda Kufar, principal amborizies in Liverpool oughi officer for the North and Scot to be setting a lead. There has

The difficulties of young tish region of the commission, black people living in Liver- said there was nearly 20,000 noal S, one of the most deprived istricts of Merseyside, need organization, Mr David Lane, the rman of the Commission for Racial Equality, said vesterday.

Speaking at a press conference in Manchester on the commission's strategy for the Northwest, he said that while Liver-pool would not be singled out for special ection by his com-mission a call would be made to

local authorizies and other em-ployers in the city. We do not feel we are quite sitting on a powder keg there, but there are now opportunities to improve matters which must be taken up quickly."

MPs seek Act change over Call for death grant to be jailing of woman raised to £60

By a Staff Reporter
An appeal to the Government
to double the death grant from
130 to £60 in next year's Budget
was made vesterday by organizations representing the elderly.
Representatives of the English, Scottish and Welsh groupings of Age Concern, as well as
consumer bodies including the
Welsh Consumer Council, held
an all-party lebby of MPs at
Westminster. They say that the
grant, last raised by £5 in 1967, By a Staff Reporter grant, last raised by £5 in 1967, represents a quarter of the cost of the cheapest available functal, although the original intention of the National Insurance Act, 1946, was for a sub-sidy of a half. The cost of doubling the grant is put at £15m, with an extra £3m for removing the

anomally that prevents men anomaly that prevents men from qualifying for the full The Department of Health said yesterday that although the present grant represented 18 per cent of average funeral costs it was still considered a

significant contribution towards

Aston, Birmingham, originally ppeared before magistrates at Market Bosworth, Leicester-Frenchire, as a prosecution witness two in a case against four fox-bunting supporters who were alleged to have ambushed her car, poured oil on it and sprayed it with paint. But the magistrates decided that Mrs Waters, an active opponent of hunting, had provoked the supporters, and bound her over in the su mof £50 to keep the oeace for a year.

She was sent to prison by Leicester Crown Court in July after appealing against the sentence and refusing to pay The principal sponsor of the motion is Mr Bruce Grocott, Labour MP for Lichfield and centre.

By a Staff Reporter
Ninety-nine MPs have put their names to a Commons motion seeking a change in an obscure fourteenth Century law that allowed a Birmingham woman to be sent to jail for a month earlier this year without being charged with any offence.

Mrs Valerie Waters, aged 45, of - Endwood House, Little Aston, Birmingham. originally

as a wimess, is clearly wrong." The Act was written in Norman French, and existed in a least contradcitory versions. The Commons motion also calls on Mr Rees, Home Secretary, to order a public inquiry into the circumstances surrounding Mrs Waters's imprisonment without trial.

During her detention at Risley remand centre, near Warrington, Cheshire, her hus-band complained to the Home Office that she was being treated like a convicted criminal and being made to scrub floors. The Home Office later admitted its mistake and ordered her to be treated as a privileged civil case, which meant she no longer had to work at the remand

seems to have gone into the Conservative Party". Cambridge virus

It is not a new virus, but its effect was fatal in a unit where

The theft of 250 bronze bars

report of worth £15,000 that were to be used in the framework of Liverpool Cathedral's great Banedicite window over the west door has delayed completion of the building, on which work started in 1904. The cathedral is expected to

Delay likely on

candidates have invited him to KENYAAIRWA



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Judge's warning to razor attackers Lord Wheatley, the Lord offenders' institution for seven usine-Clark, gave a warning years. Mr McIntyre had been

Justice-Clark, gave a warning in the High Court in Edinburgh Vesterday that he proposes to wipe out the reintroduction of the open razor by severe and

evenuplary sentences. He said he hoped his remarks would be noted generally as he sear Alan McIntyre, aged 18, of Kilmarnock, to a young on june to by repeatency but ting him in the face.

Edward McCulloch, aged 19, who was convicted with Mr McIntyre of assaulting one of

convicted at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court on November 14 of assaulting two men with a razor on April 30 and a third man on June 10 by repeatedly but-

the men with a razor, was sent to a young offenders' institution for 18 months. Lord Wheatley said: "There was a period in the 1930s when the razor was the horrific instrument in the hands of thugs. The court at that time decided that this form of conduct could be Southend pier Repairs to Southend pier,

peaceful commercial purposes over a tract of land it has leased in Zaire.

Both the firm and the ministry said there was no truth in the claim by Peruhouse magazine that the company was testing missiles for the Government and was receiving support from the West German military

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Dec 14 Sertlement talks between the three internally based nationaculties today over the Govern- should be held by whites who ment's insistence on whites would be elected on the basis ment on the point retaining a "blocking third" of a white voters' roll. The Tory view: Mr of votes in a future multiracial

National Assembly.
Today's discussions, the fifth blacks only.
meeting to be held since the Two of the nationalist four parties started their talks at the beginning of this month, lasted for three hours, but by all appearances the atmosphere was not as coridal as during previous meetings. Some of the (Sithole) - are opposed to this delegates were stony-faced proposal, particularly the sepa-when they left the meeting ration of white and black and none of them made any voters rolls. It is understood formal comment to the press.

The talks are to continue to-morrow afternoon, indicating that all parties are auxious to avoid a breakdown at this stage. But hopes that broad agreement might have been reached by the end of this week now seem unlikely to be

at the end of the meeting merely noted that discussions had continued on the questions of parliamentary representation and constitutional safe-guards and that progress bad been made. However, unlike previous statements, there there are safeguards are worthless to upset in the other hand, he must clearly see that, if he must clearly see that, if he internal safeguards are worthless hand to play."

refugee children from Rhodesia

were no references to the talks having been friendly or frank. remaining two thirds would be

leaders—Bishop Abel Muzorewa of the United African National Council (UANC) and Rev Ndabaningi Sithole of tse African National Council that they might accept the principle of a "blocking thrd" in Parliament but only on the

basis of common roll elections.

There are two reasons for their ebjections to the Govern-ment's proposals. First, they would involve a containuation of Rhodesia's racial divisions, which the nationalists wish to 'A four-line statement issued see removed. Second, the eleconly would probably mean that most of the existing Rhodesian impossible task to moser in

Mr Ian Smith, the Prime retrogressive amendments of Rhodesian Government and Minister, is understood to be the constitution. He has argeed demanding that a third of the tast he could not gain acceptlist movements ran into diffi- seats it. a future parliament ance of a settlement by the white electorate without agree-

> Tory view: Mr John Davies the Conservative spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, urged the British Government vesterday to per-suade the Patriotic Front—and particularly its joint leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo—to take part in the negotiations and eventual free elections.

> Speaking in Chelsea, Mr Davies said: "Mr Nkomo must realize, being the astute politi-cian that he is, that the chances of bringing about a violent solution leaving him in command, have receded con-

"If Mr Smith's discussions with the other nationalist leaders do lead to agreement on a constitution and thereafter to an election which clearly indicates the will of the

Western journalists are shown camp for

Mr Nkomo's youngest recruits

From a Correspondent Victory Comp, Zambia, Dec 14 The sound can first be heard from far off, somewhere in the midst of the tents and rondavels at the crest of the hill. Slowly it grows louder, and the rhyth-mic chant: "Hey, hey, hey" becomes distinguishable. Finally, from beyond a bend

in the muddy path, emerges the source of the din, a seemingly endless river of children moving at, a slow run to the beat of

the chant.
When finally, 4,000 strong, they assemble in a near by field, the children sing the praises of "Nkomo, the leader with great qualities". For these are the children of Rhodesia, the youngest members of Mr Joshua Nkomo's "struggle", whom the Rhodesian African nationalist leader showed to a group of

Western journalists.
This camp, about 16 miles cast of Lusaka, is the nursery of the Zimbabwe African Peoof the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu), Mr Nkomo's wing of the Patriotic Front.

While their parents or elder highest and sisters are in military training, or inside Rhodesia itself fighting the bush war, these children are cared for and provided with an education.

and provided with an education. About 3,200, mostly girls, live in this camp, and an equal numsmaller camp near by.

There are at present some

the Zambezi river which divides the two countries. Rhodesia's border with Botswana is sparsely patrolled and with no natural barriers many Rho-desians simply walk into that

They are housed by the Botswana Government at transit camps at Selbi Pikwe and Francistown. Then quickly flown to Lusaka at Zambian Government expense.

Approximately 1,500 refugees

make the trip each month, according to the United Nations High Commission for refugees. Once inside Zambia, many of Once inside Zambia, many of the men and women board Aeroflot flights to Angola where they are trained by Cuban advisers, according to nationalist sources. Others remain at the Zapu military bases in Zambia. It is believed that some 5,000 guerrillas are in training, with

about the same number ready for battle. Much controversy surrounds the children. Rhodesia has repeatedly said that many of them were abducted from their homes or schools by Patriotic Front guerrillas.

The most recent important incident occurred early this Swedish Lutheran mission school at Maname, Rhodesia,

return to their homes.
"A lot of stupid stories have been made up about these children", Mr Nkomo said. He insisted that all the children in the camps had crossed over of their own free will "

Whether their parents are alive or not, all the children are in reality "war orphans". Mr Nkomo said all would remain at the camps for two to three years after Rhodesian inde-

pendence. Throughout the visit, journalists inspected the large military-type tents, the primitive kitchen, little more than a tin roof over an open fire, the small vegetable garden, the sound of the children singing filled the sir

Money to run the camps comes from several international relief organizations and is administered by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees

United Nations High Commis-sion for Refugees.

A school and dormitories are being built by two Yugoslav firms, with materials supplied by the East Germans. The children are taught primary school basics, including English, and receive political indoctrina

tion in open air classes. Mr Nkomo told the Western journalists they had brought to the camp to se crossed into Botswana from a the children were being welltreated and cared for. He denounced as "vicious lies 26,000 Rhodesian refugees in School at Maname, Rhodesia, denounced as "vicious lies" about 10 miles from the border. Nations figures. Most arrive Lapu allowed the children's here through Botswana. Cross-



Empty chair: Soviet leaders around Mr Brezhnev's vacant front seat voting in unison yesterday.

Mr Brezhnev absent as budget is presented

Soviet, the country's Parliament over whose work he nominally

presides, met to approve econo-mic plans and a budget for-His seat on the leadership benches under a statue of Leniu in the Kremlin Palace

It was believed to be the first time for some years that Mr Brezhnev has failed to appear for the start of the winter session of the Supreme

Western analysts said it was especially strange since Mr Brezhnev, the party leader since 1964, had been elected chairman of the Supreme Sovier's permanent Praesidium only in May, and this would have been his first full regular session in the post.

Soviet officials at the session declined to discuss reasons for his absence and Western diolomats attending the proceedings said they knew of no pressing

Continued from page 1

but they are still determined to

make sure that the Palestinian issue is given priority. What they are really looking for, it

seems, is an Israeli commitment

to negoriate at Geneva on the basis of withdrawal from the occupied territories and recog-nition of Palestinian rights.

The Israeli delegates here are

certainly not mandated to give such a commitment and it would be unrealistic to expect.

y real progress in these talks

before Mr Begin's meeting with President Carter on Friday.

Brezhnev was mysteriously ab-sent today when the Supreme Mr. Brezhnev, who is 71 on Monday, yesterday delivered what was officially described as "a long speech" on the economy to the party's policy-making Central Committee.

It was announced in Boun today that Mr Brezhnev has postponed a meeting with Herr Willy Brandt, the president of the Social Democratic Party, scheduled for Friday in Mos-cow. Hear Brandt's spokesman said Moscow gave no reason for

the sudden postponement
Before hearing a report on
the economy in 1977, the
assembly unanimously approved
the appointment of three new
members of the Supreme Soviet

At the Supreme Soviet session Mr Vasily Garbuzov, the Finance Minister, and Mr Nikolai Baibakov, the head of the State Planning Committee, announced exceptionally modest economic targets for 1978, in-cluding the smallest increase in heavy industrial production since the Second World War

Cairo priority for Palestine issue

of foreign ministers after the

The Prime Minister confirmed

in an interview in Jerusalem yesterday that the draft peace treaty being presented at the Cairo talks did not cover the touchy issues of permanent boundaries or the Palestinian.

However, Mr Moshe Davan,

the Foreign Minister, and others

have cautioned that Israel will not be able to put off much

longer laying their cards on the

While Mr Begin was vague

to the United States this morning, apparently to solicir President Carter's support for proposals he will present to Egypt when present talks in Cairo escalate into a meeting that washington, which the Egypt when present to the peace making process better to the peace making process better to the president who made the greatest contribution a comprehensive peace settlement which had been discussed and made possible the Cairo conference."

here on Saturday, it was announced here today.

Mr Vance's talks also en-

table.

President Carter on Friday.

Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel the airport about what he was Aviv: Mr Begin flew suddenly taking to Washington, Mr Ezer

Saudis promise support

allocation.
Mr Baibakov said overall industrial production would rise by a total of 4.5 per cent next

year, compared to the already modest 5.8 projected for 1977. Heavy industry, traditionally a priority area, would raise output by only 4.7 per cent com-pared to an estimated 6.6 per cent for the present year. This will be the smallest increase since 1945.

Labour productivity, a key indicator in Moscow's drive for industrial efficiency, is set to increase by 3.5 per cent, only 0.2 per cent higher than the 1976 rise which was the lowest for at least 25 years.
Mr Baibakov, surveying the

year's economic perfermance, said productivity was not growing fast enough. He took several sectors, including the railway, metal and building industries to task for shortcomings.
Mr Garbuzov announced that

Russia's defence spending will be held steady next year at 17,200m roubles (£13,000m).

meeting of the ministerial foreign affairs and security committee.

New York: Mr Begin flew into

New York today for his meeting with President Carter on

Praising the President's con-

tribution towards peace-making efforts in the Middle East, Mr

some of them quite dramatic.

had taken place since he was in Washington in July, and I

informed in detail about all those events.

He added : " We do hope that

this visit will be a contribution

Korchnoi on top

at adjournment

Belgrade, Dec 14.—Viktor Korchnoi and Boris Spassky

Experts said that Korchnoi

Team die in air crash

Evansville, Indiana, Dec 14.

Evansville, Indiana, Dec 14.

—A chartered DC3 twin-engine aircraft, with 29 people on board, arcluding the basketball team of the University of Evansville, crashed into a brush-covered ravine shortly after take-off in dense fog last night, killing all the occupants.

Girl feared drowned

Abu Dhabi, Dec 14.--Police

fear that a seven-year-old British girl who disappeared here at the weekend may have drowned. A spokesman said

police considered it unlikely that Michelle Finch, daughter of Mr Peter Finch and his wife, Jenny, had been abducted.

Strangler strikes again

Los Angeles, Dec 14.—Police

suspect that a murderer they have called "the hiliside strangler" was responsible for killing a young girl found strangled and nude on a brush-

covered hill at dawn. She was the eleventh such victim since

early November.

In brief

Friday.

policy, but "at the same time it is taking care of the country's security and defence

declared defence spending for 1975 and 1977. But Western defence analysts believe the publicized figure covers only operating and military construction costs. leaving out weapon procure-ment and research. They say actual Soviet spending on

actual Soviet spending on defence needs could be three to four times the stated budget figure.

Turning to agriculture, he announced that the Soviet Union's grain crop this year totalled 195,500,000 tonnes.

Rarlier in the session Mr

Earlier in the session Mr Baibakov had announced average grain production figures which indicated a 1977 grain harvest of 195,400,000 connes. There was no explanation for the slight discrepancy. Mr Baibakov said bad weather had led to poor grain and sunflower crops and a drop in poultry production.—Reuter and UPI.

There had been minor cuts in

age, he sut two chairs away from Mrs Gordon.

Mrs Gordon said she had been a teacher, living in the ghetto area of Dwinsk with her 14-year-old daughter and her mother. Her husband had died in 1926. from Mrs Gordon. in 1936.

When the Germans invadedshe fled from the city but one night, with some 14,000 other Jews, she was taken to the detention centre, a two-storey

New York

of horrors in

Nazi camp

In a small, brightly lit cours

room on the thirteenth floor of a Manhartan office block

Mrs Lea Rosenberg Gordon, a 72-year-old Israeli, came face

to face ioday with Mr Boles, lays Maikovskis, a retired Long Island corporter a year her

According to her swarn evidence, it was the first time, they had met since 1941 when

she had watched him kick and beat fellow lews in a Latvisa detention camp and single out

Mr Maikovskis is not no trial for such offences. The

hearing is in an immigration

court. It is to determine whether he made a false deci-

laration to obtain a United

Immigration regulations, bar

from entry into the country

or who assisted in the persecu-tion of any person because of

race, religion or national ori-

Mr Maikovskis came to the United States from Germany in

1951. If the case results in hisdeportation, he could be sent to the Soviet Union, where he

has been sentenced to death in-absentia for war crimes.

tively as Mrs Gordon, speaking

in Yiddish through an inter-preter, gave an account of life in a detention centre near Dwinsk in the autumn of 1941.

Mr Maikovskis, who has cited the Fifth Amendment

against self-incrimination and refused to give evidence, was dressed in a solver blue suit with a red tie and heavy black glasses. A wiry man with grey sideburns, who looks fit for his

Apart from one emotional clash with Mr Maikovskis's lawyer, the onlookers sat atter-

States visa in 1951.

those who were to be killed.

court told

From Michael Leapman

New York, Dec 14.

detention centre, a two-storey building in a courtyard.

"Every day "actions" took place and they took people away so there became fewer and fewer people", she said.

"Actions" is the word she and other witnesses used for the Command courties of the Germans' practice of assembling people in the courtyard in two groups. One of the groups would be led away, never to be seen again. "They said they were taking them back where they came from but it was not true", Mrs Gordon with the countries of the countries o

don said.

Mr Maikovskis, according to the winesses, played a leading role in the actions. "He took a woman named Frieda Vis-kind" Mrs Gordon said. "Her

"He pushed her and she fell. down and he pushed her to the other side [the group to be liquidated]. He beat her with a pushed her and kicked her." For more than an hour, Mrs Gordon catalogued similar occurrences: a pregnant woman kicked as she fell: to the ground, a singing reachest chosen for "liquidation" because he was alleged to have

taught children to sing the "Internationale". Eventually, the lawver asked whether Mrs Gordon could see the man responsible in the courtroom. She gestured towards Mr Markowskis and, for the first time, showed emotion. She asked for a drink of water and there was a short recess to let her recover her-

rise to meet welfare benefits From Our Own Correspondent

Big US tax

Washington, Dec 14
Congress agreed this morning
on increases in social security contributions amounting to \$227,000m (about £126,000m) over the next decade. It is by far the biggest tax increase in American peacetime history.

The American social security system is wholly financed out of its revenue. Its benefits, lavish by European standards, are firmly attached to the cost of living. With high unemploy-ment, rising benefits and in-creasing numbers of pensioners, the system would have gone into

the red next year.

The new levy, which passed a joint committee of the two Houses of Congress this morning, ought to ensure the system's solvency until the end of the century.

There will be no increases in

social security payments next year, which happens to be elec-tion year, under the new law, although workers' contributions will go up under existing law.
This year's maximum payment
is 5965 and next year's will be
\$1,071—5.85 per cent of wages up to a maximum salary of \$16,500 this year and \$17,700 in

today adjourned the ninth game of their 20-game series to decide who will play Anatoly Karpov for the world chess champion-ship. Workers and employers will playing white, was in a better position when he sealed his forty-second move. He leads the series 6—2. continue to contribute equal sums, despite a vigorous effort

sums, despite a vigorous effort by some congressmen in make employers pay more.

Under the new law, the maximum salary to be taxed will increase progressively to \$42,600 in 1987 and the maximum percentage to be paid to 7.15 percentage to be paid to 7.15 percent making a maximum social security contribution of \$3,046 each by worker and employer.

Everyone will pay the same percentage, and the new rate has therefore been denounced as regressive.

bardo, tthe defending lawyer.

"How does it feel to be sitting next to a murderer?" one woman shouted.

The judge returned to warn solemnly of the consequences of any further outbursts. The hearing resumed. The arid descriptions of beastliness continued.

Dwinsk is a long way from Manhattan and 1941 a long way from 1977, but Mrs Gordon is not the only one who remembers.

composure. During the recess the emo-tions of some of the spectators also boiled to the surface. They directed their spleen mainly at Mr Joseph Lom-

bardo, tthe defending lawyer.
"How does it feel to be sitting
next to a murderer?" one
woman shouted.
The judge returned to warn
solemnly of the consequences

Black groups join forces with unions on jobless From Frank Vogl Los Angeles, Dec 14 America's leading civil rights

organizations have strengthened their ties with the nation's trade unions to form a powerful coalition that is determined to pressure the Carter Administration and Congress into adopting more stimulative economic policies. As the twelfth biannual con-stitutional convention of the

AFL-CIO trade union organiza-Hard the second of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), told the delegates:

influence to send more sympa-thetic politicians to Washington in next year's elections.

The NAACP is the largest and oldest American civil rights group and it leader and the leaders of other similar groups all pointed out here that they share many of the same key objectives as the trade unions. Most particularly, they emphasized that today they

have no higher priorities that that of achieving full employment and that there can be no better way of alleviating the distress faced today by so many. American blacks than by providing them with jobs.

Mr Hooks said action was (NAACP), told the delegates:

"We are facing, I think, a conservative era when the forces of the new right are constantly asking: What is it that blacks and lebour want?"
But let me assure you that we shall work together."

The conference has ended on a high note with the union leaders and the civil rights leaders sending a clear warning to Washington that unless Covigress and the Administration after action to fulfill the goals of these organizations, much more yould be seen to be community, and with a rate of between 40 and 50 per cent among black teenagers.

It seems likely that the librals with their full employed.

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Karamanlis lays blame

on Turks From Mario Modiano, Athens, Dec 14 Mr Constantine Karamanlis,

speech

the Greek Prime Minister, told the Greek Frime Minister, told Parliament tonight that the blame for the Greek-Turkish disputes rested squarely on Turkey. "It is Turkey, not Greece, that seeks to alter the legal status both in Cyprus and the Aegean," he said.

The Prime Minister was reading his Government's statement of policy to the newly

ment of policy to the newly elected Parliament. Mr Karamanlis said: "Turkey, through conciliatory speeches that are hardly matched by actions, is trying to mollify international reactions

against her. Greece would wish that the speeches should be translated into concrete and constructive proposals on the substance of the Cyprus prob-Jem."
The Greek-Turkish dialogue in the Aegean had come to a standstill, he said, because of Turkey's frequent changes of

He reaffirmed that "Greece's place is, by dint of tradition and in the democratic necessity, in the democratic West". Those who advocated severing these links were "playing Turkey's game since Turkey's strength would then be multiplied at the expense of

The Prime Minister said the EEC entry negotiations were developing normally " and his Government was seeking a special relationship with Nato after having pulled out of the integrated military structure. He said his Government was granting military facilities to the United States only because

this served Greece's defence interests.

Mr Karamanlis said these fereign issues, which would become crucial in the coming year, went hand in hand with reinforcement of the

country's defences. Sinau Fisek urites from Ankara: The seething unrest within Turkey's ruling Justice with the resignation of two more deputies from its ranks, leaving Mr Demirel's coalition

Government in a minority
Party sources did not discount the possibility of Mr

to illustrate that a nation united under the Communist Party and its leader. President Ceausescu, Demirel's resignation

Pro-Western guerrillas claim Angola successes

guerrilla groups claimed today that new fighting has broken out in Angola, causing numer-ous Cuban and East European

casualties. They said their forces mas-sacred one Cuban garrison sacred one Cuban garrison stationed in a suburb of Bie, formerly Silva Porto, and razed three hotels housing East European techniques in the port of Lobita.

The attacks were part of a co-

ordinated guerrilla assault on urban areas in response to urban areas in response to an anti-guerrilla campaign launched in the countryside by reinforced Cuban and Govern-ment troops, the groups said. The National Union for Angola's Total Independence (Unita) said its troops had launched 11 attacks in the past

three weeks on almost every-important town in central Angola and had cut the strategic Benguela railway in several Sources with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA) said its forces

had been given similar orders for action in the north, but that they still had not received reports on the attacks because of communication difficulties. In the Lobito raid, a Unita spokesman said at least 10 East German technicians were killed, as well as an unknown number

of Bulgarian officials and Cuban troops protecting them. He said the guerrillas also

Nine months after Bucharest

was devastated by one of the

worst earthquakes in Europe

for 100 years, only a few empty sites on the main boulevards stand as reminders of the death

and destruction inflicted on the night of March 4.

The tremor claimed 1,420

lives and injured more than

7,000. Five thousand people were made homeless and more

than half the houses in the

city of two million people were

Today, no one speaks of the

tragedy. When it is referred to in the Romanian press, it is

to illustrate that a nation united

From Dessa Trevisan

Bucharest, Dec 14

Lisbon, Dec 14.-Pro-Western shot down a helicopter attacking them and destroyed a Soviet-made Antonov 26 trans-

a senior commander.

Bucharest's shattered homes rise again

by the tremor.

than 1 per cent.

its leader. President Ceausescu, homes were furnished with is capable of achieving wonders. radio and television sets,

a remarkable recovery. Today a visitor would find it hard to

believe that only nine months

ago some of the freshly painted

buildings were ripped asunder

to remove most traces of the earthquake but an even greater

accomplishment was the fact that the industrial plan for this

year was exceeded by more

Houses had to be found for the 5,000 homeless and today

Mr Tumitrescu, vice-chairman

of the Butharest town council, can claim that there is no one

without a roof over his head.

Those who lost everything were moved to 4,000 new flats. Their

It took an enormous effort

more Cuban troops to preserve security in Angola has been growing more evident in recent months.—UPI.

Bucharest certainly has made refrigerators and linen. Suits

£50 each.

the cost.

for peace efforts Riyadh, Dec 14.—Mr Cyrus
Vance, the American Secretary
of State, won Saudi Secretary
of State, won Saudi Secretary
for efforts to achieve a comprehensive Middle East peace
settlement, a State Department

Riyadh, Dec 14.—Mr Cyrus
Saudi leaders last week
King Husain of Jordan, who
also is trying to heal the splits
in the Arab world that followed
Mr Sadar's visit to Israel, is due
here on Saturday, it was The aircraft was blown up in Bie, where the electricity was knocked out by the destruction of a nearby hydroelectric dam

Both Unita and the FNLA have been fighting in the jungle since the Marxist Popular move-ment for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) gained control of the country with Cuban mili-tary backing in a civil war two years ago.

As a prelude to the latest outbreak of violence, the size of the Cuban Army stationed in Angola 1/as increased from 15,000 to an estimated 19,000

Recent Western intelligence reports have indicated that these extra forces might have been sent to Angola pending a decision by Cuba to use them to intervene more heavily in the fighting in Ethiopia. The reports said this was indicated by the transfer of a leading Cuban combat commander, General Arnaldo Ochoa, to Addis Ababa.

Addis Ababa. The reports said the 2,000 Cubans already in Ethiopia were

too small a force to rate such In contrast, the need for settlement, a State Department spokesman said.

After more than three hours of talks here, Mr Vance felt Saudi Arabia "is playing and intends to play a constructive role towards a peaceful evolution of the problems in the Middle East", the spokesman said couraged him to believe that oil prices will not be increased at the meeting of the Organiza-tion of Oil Exporting Countries (Opec) in Caracas on December 29, the spokesman said. The Secretary of State reported to the Saudi leaders on his talks in Israel Egypt, The Saudis were "totally committed to assisting in any

way they can to a comprehensive peace sectlement and the pursuit of peace. That role is ongoing right now."

Saudi Arabia has expressed no public support for the solo peace moves of President Sadat of Egypt. American officials and President Carter will see say this is because the Saudis Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime are trying to play a mediating Minister who left early today role between Egypt and Syria.

Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. He returns to Washington to morrow morning and will report immediately to President

New clues in Holden murder

police investigating the murder on December 6 of David Holden, chief foreign correspondent of The Sunday Times, are check-

were given to the men and

dresses to the women, as well

as footwear and underclothing.

They also received a grant of

There has been concern among citizens who owned their own flats about some shoddy

repairs done by the state enter

prises. Many have had to pay

Al Ahram said the men travelled with Mr Holden from Amman and left the airport with him in a taxi. A third Jordanian, carrying ing the movements of two the murder weapon, apparently lordanians who left Egypt the met them in Cairo.—Agence

> term for nurse Bangkok, Dec 14.--Lawyers for Rita Nightingale, the British nurse jailed for 20 years here last week for attempted drug

for repairs because the state insurance covers only part of Mr Tumitrescu said that 10 university buildings, 230 schools, 44 hospitals, and more than 1,085 shops and 181 cultural institutions, theatres and

Appeal lodged against jail

US farmers protest Washington, Dec 14.—Fifty tractors, one for each state, drove slowly round the White House in the rain here to mark smuggling, said today that they filed an appeal against the sentence yesterday. Judgment on the appeal could take more than 'a year, a spokesman added. the start of a national strike by Miss Nightingale, aged 24, from Blackburn, is sharing a cell with eight women in Laro Yao women's prison. "She has her own mosquito net, which is quite a luxury," the spokesman said. United States farmers, who are protesting about rising costs and falling prices. Curbing arms sales Washington, Dec 14.—The United States and the Soviet

museums were damaged

Of the 44 hospitals damaged

34 are fully repaired today as well as all the university buildings and schools.

She was arrested in March at United States and the Soviet. Union opened talks here on the smuggle 7.7lb of heroin to Europe.—Reuter.

Civilian court urged to save Marcos rival from the firing squad

From Peter Hazelhurst Manila, Dec 14

Mr Benigno Aquino, the oted Filipino opposition leader, who has been sentenced to die in front of a firing

squad, made a dramatic appearance before eleven judges of the Supreme Court in manila today to challenge the legality of his military trial

of his military criat.

In an impassioned speech,
President Marcos's 45-year-old
political rival said that the
military tribunal which imposed the death sentence last month is under the influence of President Marcos, who is Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

He is my political rival and that is why I approach this civilian court," he said. The military tribunal "has given Ferdinand Marcos an excuse to marder me. My fate is now in your hands."

A military tribunal sectenced Mr Aquino to death on November 25 after he was found guilty on charges of murder, subversion and the illegal pos-

subversion and the illegal pos-session of arms.

Four days later, apparently shocked by hostile reactions in the United States, President Marcos ordered a reopening of the trial to allow Mr Aquino the trial to allow Mr Adumo to present additional evidence to the military tribunal. The presidential order did not set the death sentence aside, how-

Many of the estimated 300 spectators outside the court clapped and shouted slogans of encouragement today as Mr Aquino, wearing a white open necked shirt, was escorted into the building to meet his team of defence lawyers.

Under a petition submitted to the Supreme Court, Mr Aquino's mother has asked the bench for a writ of habeas corpus. The court has also been asked to issue an injunction restraining

From Andrew Tarnowski

The conviction and sentencing by a court martial of the four losest relatives and three em-

ployees of David Graiver, an Argentine banker_who allegely

financed the neo-Peronist Mon-

toneros guerrillas, has resolved only partially one of the most

mysterious scandals to emerge from Argentina's long guerriba

The father, brother and wife of Senor Graiver, who is said to have died at the age of 32 m an air crash last year, were

each jailed for 15 years. His mother and a woman employee received four years each, and

a half years each. Another em-

dent Videla that Senor Graiver dent viders that senor Graver received 517m (£9.5m) from the Montoneros in 1974 or 1975, banked it and paid them monthly interest to finance their

Nor did it refer to Senor

Graiver's purchases in 1974 and

1975 of the New York Century National Bank and the American

Bank and Trust Co of New York, or to his foundation of

the Banque Pour l'Amerique du Sud in Brussels and Bankers

International in Luxembourg.
These institutions collapsed

after his reported death. The two New York banks showed a total shortage of \$18.5m, and \$40m was reported to be miss-

ing from the Banque Pour l'Amerique du Sud.

guerrilla money from kidnap

ransoms and robberies was used

by Senor Graiver to buy the

as part of an attempt to set up an international financial net-

visit to Peking

General Zia ul-Haq, Pakistan's

chief martial law administrator, today left for his first visit to

China. He will spend four days in Peking and Shanghai hold-ing talks with the new Chinese

leadership.
General Zia's decision to make his first journey outside the Islamic world to China is

being interpreted as an affirma-

tion that the military govern-ment will follow the foreign policy evolved by Mr Bhutto,

the former Prime Minister,

under which Pakistan main-

tained the closest links with Peking. During the last five months General Zia has visited

From Our Correspondent

Islamabad, Dec 14

Pakistan leader begins

The Army has indicated that

The verdict, however, has added nothing to previous statements by the Army and Presi-

ployee was acquirted.

terrorist operations.

Buenos Aires, Dec 14

Few rewards for a hard day's toil

Cricket Correspondent
Lahore, Dec 14
There was a time in the early afternoon when it looked as though this would be a good day's cricket to write about. In the end though it went the way of so many others out here with the bowlers making little progress and the batsmen not much more. At the close Paidstan, having won the toss, were 164 for two.

Mindassar Nazar, aged 21, scored 52 not out in the five and a half hours of the day. The son of Nazar Mohammad, who played in the only Pakistan side to bear India, in 1952, Mudassar is small and warchful, with a mop of hair and a moustache. Though painfully, bur not unprecedentedly, slow, he played an important innnings for a side bereft of its most renowned players and with not much confidence as a result. For Pakistan's third wicket Mudassar and Haroon, by three years the older of the two, have so far added 115. Haroon is a weiterweight—strong and thick set and a fine hitter of the ball. Neither of them might have been playing had Mushtaq and the others been here but both of them will have benefitted from today. The best way to become a Test cricketer is to play Test cricket.

England's fielding was sharp, with the pain of the pain will have benefitted from today. The best way to become the military tribunal from proceeding with the reopened Mr. Aquino, who has been detained for five years, argued that a military tribunal is incapable of issuing an impartial and just verdict.

Mr Agnino's team of lawyers, led by Mr Jovito Salonga, said that, under normal procedure, the conviction should have been examined by a military review. If upheld, the defendant could have an appear in the Surame. lodge an appeal in the Supreme

In a biting attack on President Marcos, Mr Salonga said:
"All these procedures were short-circuited because, instead of treating the matter as subjudice, the Commander to Chief of the armed forces himself. took over the functions of the board of review and of the Supreme Court in order to give the military commission, over which he commands influence, more than one opportunity to convict the accused. convict the accused."

In his hour-long statement, Mr Aquino told the court that, although he did not recognize the jurisdiction of the military tribunal, the trial officers had prevented him from delivering a closing statement before the death sentence was imposed. Mr Salonga said that Mr

Aquino had tried to put ques-tions to General José Syjuco, head of the military tribunal, at the closing stages of the trial "He never had that chance because he was completely excluded from the court until 22.25 hours when sentence of death was read to him, thus depriving him of his right to be present at all stages of the trial, contrary to the provisions of the President's own decrees Mr Salonga declared.

guerrilla connexion was set up and administered by Señor Graiver atone before his pre-sumed death in August, 1976, when his New York banks were in deep financial difficulties.

They collapsed a mouth later.

Senor Graiver's family apparently carried on payments

to the guerrilles, who threatened to kill them, after

The family were found guity of "illegal association"—
their actions, in the words of the court martial, making them

de facto members ? of the

impact here as an indication of

the extent of guerrilla infiltra-tion into all levels of Argentine

Señor Graiver was a minis-terial adviser under the 1971-73 military Government of General Lanusse, and was closely linked to the late José Gelbard, Peronist Economy Minister in 1973-74.

The case has also developed

anusemitic overtones, as the Graivers are Polish-Jewish immigrants, like Señor Gelbard, and because one of its chief incidental victims, Señor Jacobo Timerman, is also Jewish

Buenos Aires, Dec 14.— President Videla, in an inter-

view this week with Japanese journalists, said the disappearance of people in Argentina was the result of a war that was coming to an end.

"We understand the pain of the mother or wife who has lost her son or husband, about whom we can give no news",

"In every war there are people who survive, others who

are incapacitated, others who die and others who disappear.

layas linking northern Pakistan

with Sinkiang is expected to be completed in the next three

Pakistan has also received a

Khan, the leader of the out-

lawed National Awami Party, who was released recently after

three years imprisonment on

bail, met General Zia earlier this week and discussed among

other issues the trial of himself

and his party leaders by a special court set up by Mr

craft, from China.

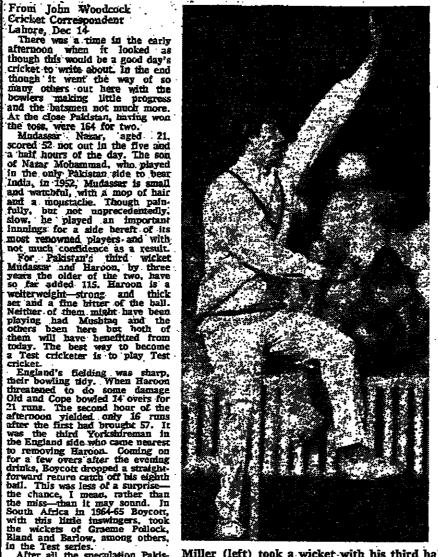
he said.

Montonevos.
The three employees were

convicted as accessories. The case has had a

Family of lost financier

jailed in Argentina



Miller (left) took a wicket with his third ball and Old bowled tidily early on.

the wickets of Grseme Pollock, Bland and Barlow, among others, in the Test series.

After all the speculation Pakistan fielded a team with no surprises. Their one new cap is Abdul Qadir, a leg spin bowler, although three of the side, Mudassar, Shafiq and Linquat, are playing in only their second Test match. Shafiq's other one was against England in 1974, Mudassar's against Australia in Adelaide a year ago, and Liaquat's against West Indies in Karachi in 1975.

On a golden morning and on a pitch without a blade of grass, Willis began with two or three overs of genuine pace. I would have backed none of the West Indies, or Thomson or Lillee for that master, to have bowled nonceably faster. But Mudassar and Sadiq weathered them and although England had two wickets in the bag by lurch it was surprising that they did. At the end of an hour, in which Willis and Lever bowled nine eight-ball overs between them, Pakistan were 32 for no wicket, 10 of these runs laving come from Nillis had hit Mudassar on the shoulder, which minutes before lunch, that a wicket feil. Playing back to Miller's third ball Sadiq was leg before—the first, but undoubtedly not the last, hatsman in the series to be unhappy with his decision. In the next over Shadiq, booking at Old, spooned a gentle catch to Rose, standing near the square leg umpire. After being 48 for m wicket Pakistan went into lunch at 50 for two.

The first hour of the afternoon was critical, especially for Pakistan with so inexperienced a side. In the event Haroon, chancing his

tan with so inexperienced a side. In the event Haroon, chancing his arms against Miller, took the pressure of Mudassar and, for a while, wrested the initiative from England. In three overs from Miller he hit 26 runs, 20 of them with pulls or sweeps for four. This was a good, bold piece of cricket by Haroon, a baisman as restless as he is obviously talested. Jack Fingleton never talks about the present crop of Pakistan cricketers without extolling the virtues of Haroon, whom he saw score a dazaling 57 in Pakistan's famous victory over Australia in Sydney in

twilight and illuminated night, was the best qualified of the players to judge the experiment. He said the white ball was generally easy to pick up and the only problem came occasionally from balls just short of a length.

balls just short of a length.

The \$1.2m floodlight system in four 108 foot high columns was turned on at about 6.30 pm when the World XI had batted against a red cricker ball in daylight to score 207. The World XI captain.

Tony Greig, won the toss and decided that he would rather face the bowling of Lillee in daylight.

The Street Width did not become

the bowling of Lillee in daylight.

The floodlights did not become a major factor until about 8.30 pm, when the sky was almost completely black. The lights gave a football-like atmosphere to the ground, which is used to play Australian Rules football games at night. The crowd reacted to the strange setting by shooting constant comments at the players and applauding even singles.

Champell, who opened the

Chappell, who opened the Australian innings with McCosker

Australian inmings with McCosker seemed to have no difficulty in facing the white ball, and the disadvantage appeared to be with the bowlers. The South African, Procter, and Pakistani opening bowler, Imran Khan, seemed bemused by the ease with which the opening pair played their bowling. Chappell and McCosker set up Australia's six wickets win in the

Floodlights bring out the crowds

Melbourne, Dec 14.—Kerty Packer's five World Series Cricket received a much-needed boost here today when 6,300 people watched night cricket. The crowd's noisy approval of the floodlight game lifted concern among Packer players and officials about poor crowds at other matches since the series started three weeks ago.

even fewer runs in the day. Only Baroon hir the ball hard enough to reach the farthest confines. The crowd at its best was perhaps 20,000. To them a draw is as good as a win, or pretty nearly. They were pleased enough to see their own young side bolding England, who have, after all, just given Australia a beating. It quite made up for the disappointment or not seeing Mushtaq, Zabeer and the cousins Khan. In the morning Mudassar scored 24, in the afternoon 18, and in the 90 minutes of the evening another 10—on a pitch so easy at the moment that by the end he could have batted in a blindfold.

PAKISTAN: First lanlags

Chappell
Zaheer Abbas. C Kenl. B
Musking Mohammad. C Kemp. b
Walker
Ass lobal. b G. Chappell
A. W. Greig. c and b Walker
Imran Klun. c Pascoe. b G.
Chappell
J. A. Show. run out
J. D. L. Imerwood not out
Extras (nb 1)

AUSTRALIAN XI
B. McCosker, b Underwood
M. Chappoli, b Underwood
W. Marsh, c Imran, b Underwood
W. Marsh, c Imran, b Underwood

wood
C. S. Chappell, not ost
D. W. Hookes, b Underwood
M. S. Kent, not out
Extras (4-b S. n-b 1)

Total (4 wkis, 54.5 overs) 310

FALL OF WICKETS --1 - 104. 2118. 3-156. 4-162.

BOWLING -- Imper. 7-0-49-0:
protein -- 610-26-0: Snow, 5-0-0:
22-0: Greig. 4-0-23-0: Woolmer,
2-0-18-0: Underwood. 8-0-52
--4: Index. 3-0-11-6: Mushtag.
3-0-11-8-Rester,

The possibility of the four Pakistani cricketers at present playing ing to Pakistan for a part of the series against England has been Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, who said in a prepared statement here today that Mushtaq Mohammad, on behalf of himself, Majid Khan, Imran Khan and Zabeer Abbas, had informed him of their collective commitment to Mr Packer.
"It is regretted that the four

"It is regretted that the four players have declined the offer. It may please be noted that all four players (Mushtaq, Majid, Imran and Zaheer) were under contract with the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan when they signed with Packer" said the statement. By stressing that they are therefore technically in breach of contract with their own board "no member shall accept any offer of cricket assignment... without the written permission of the board") the authorities are no doubt hoping to win sup-

Indians snatch

victory

which only ended 20 minutes after sunset.

Greig said the white ball and glare of the floodlights presented no real problems to his fieldsnen, and this was demonstrated when Imran Khan took a high catch just inside the boundary. in last over Perth, Dec 14.—Two thumping fours by Ghavri in the final over enabled India to smarch a thrilling

consisted India to smarch a thrilling four-wicket victory with only five balls to spare over the West Australia Country XI at Wongan Hills, north of here today.

The Indians, after losing the wickets of Vengsarkar for only two and Surinder Amarnath for eight, were set on the pash to victory by Chauhan and Mohinder Amarnath. Chauhan enhanced his prospects of gaining selection in the side for the second Test against Australia starting in Perth on Friday, with a punishing innings of 78, including 10 fours, in 128 minutes Motander Amarnath then held the side together with a

minutes Mobinder Amaruati then held the side together with a stylish unbeaten innings of 71 in 153 minutes.

But the man-of-the-manch award went to a 20-year-old farmer, Ross Dischburn, who rescued the country side with a dazzling imnings of 78, in only 51 minutes. Playing with two stitches in a deep cut on the middle toe of his left foot, Dischburn took time off from harvesting at his father's farm at Kukerin and travelled 290 miles to punish the Indian attack.

Scores: West Austral Country NI 189 (R. Dischburn 78, G. Hoon 56: Bed 5 for 54; budgan, 190 for ax 10. Channa 18, M. Amaruath 71; K. Draper 3 for 46).

Football

an international financial network for the guerrillas. It has also been said that Senor Graiver had links with financial institutions in Venezuela, Switzerland and Israel. The court martial verdict however, indicated that the Graiver who disappear. "Argentina is bringing this war to an end and hence must be prepared to face its consequences. The disappearance of some people is an undesired consequence of this war."— Agence France-Presse. Dispute may put Iran out

Willis.

A bouncer from Willis had hit Mudassar on the shoulder, which worried him for a while—and once Taylor, diving to his right, almost

three weeks ago.

Today's attendance was the

largest by several hundred to actord a Packer match. The spec-tators showed their appreciation of the night-time experiment with almost constant applause for the players.

players.

A white ball was used for the last three and a half hours of the 40 overs a side match and the white sightscreens were turned around to give a black-painted backdrop for the batsmen. "It's magic isn't it", Mr Packer said.

The crowd, which gradually built up from the 1,500 present for the start of the match at 2.30 pm. stayed in their seats at Victoria Football League Park and applanded the players from the field at 10.30 pm.

Mr Packer said the success of

field at 10.30 pm.

Mr Packer said the success of the game opened up a whole new range of playing times for cricket and gave his series impetus for the start of the second World Series game in Sydney next Friday. "It was an exhibitating experience", Chappell said.

Chappell, who batted for more

of World Cup Zurich, Dec 14.—Iran could be expelled from next year's World Cup finals in Argentina as a result

fairly large amount of military hardware, including fighter air-Meanwhile, Khan Abdul Wali

World Cup finals, the sources said. FIFA has given the AFC a deadline of January 12, the day before the next meeting of FIFA's executive committee in Buenos Aires, to change its mind. If it does not, the executive committee will decide on sanctions.

Bhutto. No decision has yet been taken on dropping the decide on sanctions.

The sources said one possibility was that the executive committee would decide to write to the individual associations in the AFC, asking them whether or not they The Foreign Ministry an nounced today that General Libva.

The Chinese have been providing massive economic support for Pakistan and December 22 and 23. This were prepared to respect and practise FIFA regulations. They could be given a deadline of about one month to reply, the sources added.

Yesterday's results

Y CSTORIAY S POSINS
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:
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SCHOOLS MATCHES: Harvey GS 3.
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REPRESENTATIVE 6. Southern Public Schools 6. Southern Public Schools 6. Southern Public Schools NI 0.
RESERVE UNION: Schools: Crown Visioniams 9. Surrey Schools NI 0.
Stickey Union: Schools: Crown Visioniams 9. Ballycker H5 6: Goffs 0.
Cheshunt 50: Haydon 17. Richmansworth 6: Johnna Fisher 40. Esher 10:
NewCasile HS 0. Reyal Ballast Academical Institution 14: St Ignaturs 10.
Vertulan 12.

The tide flows inexorably towards southern shore

By Stuart Jones Northern Schools 6

Southern Schools 1 A rout was feared at the Bank of England ground, Rochampton, yesterday. Those fears were allayed for a mere five minutes and then the Northern Public Schools, who took control of the six-a-side tournament on Tuesday, took control of the full-size version for

Their defensive curtain parted only once but Graham-Dixon saw enough light to fire a low shot for the South Public Schools to tor me south rubit schools to take an early lead. It was the first and the last glimpse of the southern threat. In contrast, the northern threat in contrast, the northern threat of our in midfield loaded opportunities on to a conveyor belt. Early on, the belt often stuttered at the crucial moment stuttered at the crucial moment but, once a pattern was found, the end result was inevitable.

Clegg gave an example of the dazzling footwork that took Hulme Grammar School to the six-a-side title after five minutes. Maun's through ball tempted him and he accepted the chance to tesse a cosple of defenders before scoring from an acute angle. The score, if not the play, remained level until the interval. At half-time, green and red

shirts were swapped like stamps and seven substitutes were sent on to join the fray. The disruption did nothing to halt the flow of the tide towards the southern share. Two substitutes, Lee and Kukla, came up from defence to score from corpers and exact the score from corners and ease the porthern frustration. Their shackles cast off, they ran

Mackintosh, striding clear, found the back of the net and, finally, Keighley, in a similar situation, used the right hand post for

If anything, the northerners deserved to win by a larger margin. The south, laid as bare as the tall trees lining one side of the pinch, could do little to prevent the onslanght. It was no surprise, therefore, that the selectors chose the entire northern side, replacing Geddes with Keighley, to meet the FA Youth XI in a week.

XI in a week.

Lack of space yesterday led to the omission of a notable feat in the six-a-side tournament. Shrewsbury, the holders, relinquished their hold on the cup but they did not go away empty-handed. Their last group match, against Eton, was decisive. The winners faced the unenviable task of meeting Bury in the last eight. The losers were to enter the plate comlosers were to enter the plate com-petition as group runners-up.

Shrewsbury lost, but they were not disappointed. They went on to defend their remarkable record by winning the plate, as they did in 1975. Ironically, their coach, Robin Trimby, recently wrote a book called Winning Tactics. It did not include a chapter on six-a-sides.

include a chapter on six-a-sides.

MORTHERN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: S.

Radley (Kulmo GS. sub P. Lovel).

Repton): P. Attingola (Bury), R.

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Manchester GS.). N. Geddes (Manchester GS., N. B., Keishley (OEGS).

M. Fielcher (Bury). S. Wild (Hulme).

J. Burns (Shrewsbury). S.

Mactinisch (QEGS), G. CLEGG
(Hulme).

SOUTHERN PUBLIC SCHOOLS: D.

Titchmarch (Marters): G. Berry
(Alleyn's). D. Martin (St. Edmand's.

Cantlerbury. M. Vanghan (Aldenham).

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Martern). D. Hoolakus (Lancing). T.

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Martern). D. Hoolakus (Lancing). T.

Wand (Wastmisster). G. Shepher

(Carlerbouse, sub, S. Janes Laymard,
M. Tancing).

Referes: J. Winckind.

Wales hold world champions

Dortmund, Dec 14.—Wales held West Germany, the World Cup holders, to a 1—1 draw in a friendly international match here tought. Fischer put the Germans ahead in the first minute of the second half but Welsh persistence paid off when David Jones equalized 11 minutes from the end.

The Welsh power cave the Germans and the control of the second half but welsh persistence and the control of the second half but welsh persistence.

end.

The Welsh never gave the Germans freedom to move and develop their usual flowing game. Whoever held the ball was chased unimercifully and the Welsh forwards won the ball as often as their defenders. The uncertanty led to square passing by the Germans who created only a couple of chances before the interval.

Welsh determination are as

Welsh determination was re-warded in the 79th minute when Vogts, under pressure, headed the ball out to the feet of David Jones, of Norwich City, who hammered it past Maler. The Welsh had two narrow escapes near the end, first when Davies dived to hold a shor from Abramczyk and again in the 82nd minute when Flyan headed off the line with Davies beaten. WEST GERMANY: Maler. Vogts. Ruessmann. Tenhagen, Dietz. Bonhot, Burpsmueller. Flohe Abramczik. Fischer (sub Seet), Holzenbein

WALES: D. Davies, M. Page, D. Jones, L. Philipps, J. Jones, C. Horris, T. Yorath, B. Flynn, A. Curtis, 18th D. Nardiello), N. Deatry L. James Referee: C. Coryer (Notherlands),-

Howe signs for OPR

Ermie Howe, a centre-half, was transferred from Fulham to Queen's Park Rangers yesterday and is expected to make his first appearance for his new club at Liverpool on Saturday. Howe, whose £50,000 fee was fixed by an independent tribunal, replaces David Needham who was sold to Nottingham Forest on Tuesday for £145,000.

Wimbledon prize fund: increased by £55,000

Tonnis Correspondent

The players will receive more and the public will pay more at next year's Wimbledon championnext year's Wimbledon champion-ships. The respective percentage increases are about 27 per cent in prize money and 10 per cent in prizes of admittance. The prize fund has been expanded by £55,422 and the championships will also contribute £5,205 more to the grand prix bonus pool than they did last summer. The total prize money will be £259,772, the bonus pool allocation £19,231.

The bonus system is designed to encourage players to give maximum effort in grand prix tourna-ments. At the cod of the year ments. At the crai of the year the most successful players receive bonuses from a pool idled by the combined contributions of grand prix tournaments and the overall spousors. Colgate-Pulmolive. One effect of the bonuses is to make the rich even richer. Grand prix tournaments could also be forgiven for feeling cynical about a system that forces them to reward, indurectly, players who may not have entered for their own events (for example, there are clay court experts who often miss Wimbledon).

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Burnett, chairman of the management committee, sald yesterday
that prize money had been raised
partly because of inflation and
partly to maintain Wimbledon's
stature in relation to the United
States and French championships.
But it was time to halt the escalation. "We feel that at the top
level the prize money is already
high enough."

high enough."

The allocation of prize money between the various events respects the wishes of the players' organizations and the grand prix administrators. But Sir Brian said there was a strong feeling within the Wimbledon committee that the proportion granted to doubles should be increased. He pointed out that many leading players were not entering for the doubles, which the British public enjoyed

Next year's totals for the five

Next year's totals for the five main events with approximate percentages will be: mea's singles £100,280 (42,72), doubles £28,060 (11,95), women's singles £73,500 (31,31), doubles £21,380 (9,10), mixed doubles £11,520 (4,90). There will also be £8,040 for the men's plate competition, £4,992 for the women's, and £12,000 for a new men's "grand masters" event providing singles and doubles competition for 12 veterans. This "grand masters" figure (unreasonably exceeding figure (unreasonably exceeding the total for the mixed doubles) compares with the total of £13,410 paid out for five events 113,410 paid out for five events at the first open Wimbledon in 1968. A further comparison is that in 1978 the women's singles champion will receive £17,100 (£3,690 more than that 1968 total for five events). The 1978 men's champion will receive £19,000. Last summer Biorn Borg won £15,000 and Virginia Wade £13,500.

In the five main events men will receive about \$7.12 per cent of the prize money, women 42.86. These figures are similar to last year's and, so far as anyone can be accurately objective about such a controversial issue, may slightly flatter the women. During the first six years of open competition

flatter the women. During the first six years of open competition wemen received less than they deserved at Wimbledon. From 1974 to 1976 the ratio was about right. Since then the scales have begun to lean a little the other way. But that is a personal view. A more enduring cause for concern, as Sir Brian suggested, is the proportion given to doubles.

Last summer's disturbing crowd congestion has been taken to heart. Sir Brian said that probably the only solution was to close the gates at 31,000 (or even 30,000) instead of 32,000. Taking a longer view Wimbledon are planning to view Wimbledon are planning to spend more than £11m improving the premises by 1979. Perhaps the most spectacular scheme is to raise the roof of the Centre Court

by six feet in order that more seats can be provided.

Hockey

Pay Corps settle their account in barrage

The Combined Services organized an interesting play-off series in the national club backey championship at Aidershot yesterday. A three-match round-robin teurnament involving the three champion sides of each service, ended in triumph for the Royal Army Pay Corps (RAPC), who will be accompanied by RAF Surike Command in the later rounds of the championship.

pionship.

As Services champions, the RAPC qualified fur the quarter-final round where they will meet the winners of the match hetween the South runners-up and the East runners-up. Strike Command earned a place in the preliminary round where their caponents will be the Midlands runners-up.

The RAPC, who wen both their matches on penalty strokes, owe their success mainly to Tolhurst, their goalkeeper, who stands a

goalkeeper, who stands a Army in the county champlouship. It was a rare treat to see consistent

in all directions. Most of the shots were stopped with the strik—a strange enough story even for the Marines who could not believe their ill-luck.

their ill-luck.

Strike Command were the most skilful side. Yer, it was not until they beat Royal Marines 2—0 In the last match of the day that they were sure of survival. Aldrich gave them the lead in the twentieth minute from a short corner, the ball landing in the net off a stick. Or was it a foot? What does it matter, a spectator said, as long as the ball lands in the right place.

Hayoes increased the lead by making contact with a left-wing centre, a situation which brought much relief to Strike Command much relief to Strike Commada, who had earlier wasted a penalty stroke, Clinton pushing the ball-straight into the goalkeeper's pads. There was no score in the second half which ended with Royal Marines missing a few simple chances—the story of their life.

life.

The day began well for RAPC who beat Strike Command 3—1 on penalty strokes after the score, had stood 1—1 at full time. There was no extra time and the game was decided on the barrage which saw Tolhurst at his best. In the first half James scored for RAPC and Bates for Strike Command. In the second match, which began at noon, there was no score and RAPC, somewhat exhansted from their earlier exercise, beat Royal their earlier exercise, beat Royal Marines 3—2 on penalty strokes. It was a sad end for the Marines for whom Martin failed to con-

for whom Martin failed to convert a pensity stroke late in the second haif.

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record of 24 victories. With him is Heini Hemmi, who was second in the giant slalom.

Stenmark races ahead Madonna di Campiglio, Dec 14. after making the fastest run of

madonna of Campagoo, Dec 14.

The world ski cup holder, ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, consolidated his cup form with a victory in the men's giant slalom events of the win was Stenmark, however, achieved the feat in less than four years while the statem events of the season.

CHAPT SLALOM: 1.1. Stenmark Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, consolidated his cup form with a victory in the men's giant slalom here today. The win was Sten-mark's third in the three World Cup slalom events of the season so far. Leading after the first leg, he almost missed a gate in the second but recovered to win in an unofficial time of two minutes 49.91 seconds.

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Latest European snow reports



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a number of Muslim states in the Middle East including

port for Pakistan's development will be the third exchange of ventures and the "Friendship visits between leaders of Pakistan and its former province. **Dates of Callaghan visits**

The Prime Minister, who will

Mr Callaghau will be making 6 to 11 and in Pakistan from a 10-day visit to Bangladesit, January 11 to 13.

India and Pakistan early in the ____ It will be the first visit of a new year, it was announced British prime minister to yesterday.

Bangladesh since independence. No Labour prime minister has be accompanied by his wife, will been to India since independence in Bangladesh from January ence. Mr Heath visited India to 6, in India from January and Pakistan in 1971.

expelled from hear year's world of a dispute between the International Football Federation and the Asian Football Federation and the Asian Football Confederation, FIFA sources said the FIFA was still awaiting a reply from the AFC to its demand that the AFC rescind recent political decisions which violate FIFA rules.

These decisions were to expel Taiwan and Israel from the AFC and adout China. If the dispute is not regulated, FIFA will take suctions against individual AFC member associations, which could include total suspension from FIFA and all its competitions. It would climinate Iran, the Asian group qualifier, from next June's World Cup finals, the sources said. FIFA has given the AFC a dead-

almost without interruption through a leaking opposition to score three more. First, Clegg showed the power of his right foot after a jinking run. Then

Sponsors boost value of July Cup and Cambridgeshire

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Newmarket and Doncaster are the courses that will benefit the moet next year from the William Hill Organization's revised list of sponsored races. The firm's managing director. Sam Burns, announced yesterday that Hills would be supporting five races on each of those group one courses in 1978.

In terms of prize money New-market is the principal beneficiary because Hills have managed to capture the July Cup—a race that they have sought for some considerable time—and the Cam-

Last Friday the International Pattern race committee accorded the 101 year old July Cup group one status. This year it had 117,000 added; next year it will have £30,000 added and it will be the only group one race for three-year-olds and older horses in Europe to be run over six

furiongs.

That means that Hills are now behind two of the most important sprints in this country because they are already committed to their sprint championship at York, which has taken the place of the Nunthorpe Stakes. Hills involvement in the Cambridgeshire will come as something of a surprise because it was not generally known that the second leg of the autumn

because it was not generally known that the second leg of the autumn double would no longer have the support of the Irish Hospitals sweepstake. Nor for that matter was it known that they will also be pulling out of the Lincoln after next year. But Hills have quickly come forward to fill that gap too. Incidentally, I am led to believe that we have not heard the last of

sors in this country even though they have decided to drop the Cambridgeshire and the Lincoln and that it will not be long before they announce their support for another race.

nother race.

Next year the Cambridgeshire will be increased in value from E12,000 to £20,000 and yesterday Nick Lees, the clerk of the course, at Newmarket told me that he intends reviewing the conditions of not only the Cambridgeshire but also the Cesarewitch, taking a particularly hard look at the existing penalties, in an attempt to encourage a better class field in the future.

By sponsoring the Cambridgeshire in addition to the Cheveley Park Stakes and the Middle Park Stakes, Hills now have a virtual monopoly of the October meeting at Newmarket. And understand-

stakes, thus now flave a virtual monopoly of the October meeting at Newmarket. And understandably, they are keeping their stranglehold on the other two important races for two-year-olds in the autumn by again sponsoring the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket and the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster. Thereby they are able to maintain continuity.

The £20,000 Scottish Grand National is the only other new race in Hills programme
In Ireland yesterday that good steeplechaser. Brown Lad, duly won the Ulster Bank steeplechase at Down Royal and although he beat nothing of any account Ladbrokes still felt bound to trim his price to 4-1 for the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, which is his next objective and to 6-1 for the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Fort Devon remains favourite for both races at 11-4 and 11-2 respectively.

Carlisle programme

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12.45 CORBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £624: 2m) 2 1-3x341 Winter Chimes (C-D), W. A. Stephenson, B-11-9 G. Faulkner 3 1-21100 Fed (D) K. Oliver, 7-10-12 5 1-21100 Federal (D), C. Richards, 6-10-10 D. Goulding 7 104034 Never There (C-D), T. Barnes, 7-10-9 11-6 Winter Chimes, 2-1 Never There, 9-2 Forest Guard, 8-1 Ted.
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Island Liner clears the last flight at Southwell.

Lucas spots the winner

After John Lucas had displayed his persuasive powers as an auctioneer at Southwell yesterday by obtaining a course record of 2.300 guineas for the selling race winner Calmin on a nine-race card, his eager eye enabled him confidently to forecast the photograph in giving Spariot the winner of a desperately close finish to the Christmas Stocking Handicap Steeplechase.

But Mr Lucas was not so fortunate in the Christmas Caka Handicap Hurdle, which was won comfortably by Bill Elsey's Alcock.

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Alcock won by six lengths, but there was a close tussle for the minor placings, and 45 minutes later it was announced that the

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5 2-03/11 Allied Carpets, F. Rimell. 5-11-6
8 00-p024 Double Slave, I. Wardle, 6-10-0 S. Smith-Lor
6-1 on Allied Carpels, 5-1 Double Silve.
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3.0 CUBLEY HURDLE (Handicap: 4y-o: 5675: 2im)
1 1431-pp All Forever, C. Dingwall 12-0 : H. Ev
2 20-2111 Roadhead, J. Gifford, 11-11
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6 1-26010 Cornet Jayca, D. Ringer, 10-10 S. McNell
7 00-3213 Glissando, D. Moriey, 10-9
8 00-1 Offs's Dyke (C-D), R. E. Peacock, 10-9 l. Wagen
02-0020 Dec Do Soleboc, S. Mellor, 10-9
10 10-0004 Derham Lad, D. Gandolfo, 10-8
15 0003-00 Estate Apedi. M. W. Easterby, 10-2 N. Tini
14 1000-40 Royal Cave. F. Rimell. 10-2
14 1000-40 Royal Caye, F. Rimell. 10-2 C. Tinl. 15 010-000 Island Miss. H. Nicolson. (0-0) K Whyl 16 m024-0 Lavobany. W. Stephenson. 10-0 S. Hive
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18 2311-00 Foxy Farny, J. Blastill, 10-0 R. F. Da
19 010-00 Big Strong Boy, R. E. Peacock, 10-0
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7-2 Roadhead, 4-1 Offa's Dyte, 5-1 Glasanto, 6-1 All Forever, 8-1 Due
Bolober Lounsbland 1'11 Durbam Lad Forme Agent 13-1 Cornet Intere 2

Uttoxeter selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.30 Dyscole. 1.0 Irish Prince. 1.30 Corrieghoil. 2.0 Peter Scot. 2.30 Allied Carpets. 3.30 Roadhead.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 12.30 Charles Swift. 3.0 Glissando.

Carlisle selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Winter Chimes. 1.15 Leyburn Lady. 1.45 Killora. 2.15 Tregarron. 2.45 Fair View. 3.15 Palace Royal.

Results at Southwell

11.15 (11.16) CHRISTMAS PARTY
HUROLE DIV I: Part I: 3-y-0
novices, 2272: 2m;
Gordon's Lad, bc. by Connaught—
Prumotion Year (31 Wilcox),
10-12 . C. Asthury (2-1 II lay 1
Velvet Sov. . N Tinkler (2-1 2
locks Sov. . N 11.45 (11.47) CHRISTMAS PARTY HURDLE (10lv 1: Part II: 3-5-0 novices: £272: 2m) Humbelsne, b C, by So Blessed Rosio Barardi (1, Hedir, 10-7 C. Brown (5-4 (av) 1 Jersey J. J. O'Nell (4-1) 2 ALSO RAN: 10-1 Drinagus, 30-1
Righ Lon 25-1 Chella: 32 June
Bush Lon 25-1 Chella: 32 June
Bourton Lad, thing on thing, wrays
Meadow, Sterling Cloud in: 12 ran.
TOTE: Win. 169: places. 119, 129,
32p; dual forecast, \$23p. D. Hanley.
et Lambourn. 21, 41. Gerrard's Cross
did not run.

12.15 (12.16) CHRISTMAS PARTY
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novices: 2272: 2m;
French Saint, b 8, by Saintly Song
—Montsorrat (Lady 8, Keewick).
11-8 ... B, R. Davies (13-8) 1
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M. O'Hellovan (11-1) 2
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Doubtrid George, Larges, Little
Rooster, Miss Della, Red Cip, Woody
Woodpecker, Cashmero Beta (17, 13 TOTE: Wm. 30p; places. 11p. 23p. p; dual forecast. 59p. D. Moriey, at try St Edmunds. 1'sl, 3L Ballmens

12.46 (12.46) CHRISTMAS PARTY
HURDLE (Div I: Part III: 3-y-0
novices: 2272: 2m;
sland Liner, ch g. by High Line—
Scilly Isles (T. Eager), 10-12:
J. Suhhern (11-8 II fav. 1
Bennine Derek ... C. Tinkler (1-1) 2
Rals ... H. J. Evans (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 II fav Ragsro
(4th), 25-1 Swinging Sciert, 33-1
Smugglers Lout, Clentorn, 20-1 Cairns,
Courteenhall, Enstone, Trigger, 11
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1.45 (1.47) CHRISTMAS STOCKING STESPLECHASE (Handicap: 2680: Jm 11094) Spariet, b m. by Spariet, b m. by Spariet General— Firo Charlot (T. Jenke), 9-11-4 Yollow Stone . P. J. Kelly (12-1) 2 Indian Pyrile valew slone . P. J. Kelly (12-1) 2 fadan Pyrila R. J. Wilson (7-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 3.1 fav Dark Specing (4th) 7-2 Pairmage, 11, 8-1 Sally-Sarvan Brook, 15-1 Canonhio Rey, Donadelioe 191, Nadsem (ul. 11 ran. TOTE: Win, 46; blaces, 150, 34p, 13p dual forecast, £2,59, S. Bolland, at Shrewsbury, Sh hd, 15i, My Captain did not run. did not run.

2.16 (2.16) CHRISTMAS TREE STEFFLECHASE (Handleap: 2606: 230 (1340) Langton Reath — Figure May Captalleap: 2606: 230 (1340) S. John 19-1/20 (1340) 17a. dual forecast, 211.11. D. Nugent, Newbury, 81. 61.

2.45 (2.36) CHRISTMAS CAKE HURDLE (Handrap: 23.95; 2.m.) Alcock, b 8. by Alcide—Bird (W. Elsey), 4-10-X

Elsey), 4-10-X

G. Holmes (100-30) †
Assembly Point, C. Trikler (15-2); 2.

Linsky J. Francome (6-1 fav. 3 Also RAN 6-1 Easy Commission; 4: Saucy Upham, 20-1 Aloba Prince, 29-1 Prince of Pieseure, Score ip; 3-1 Bonny Royal (44h; 50-1 Baily, 10-1 Baily, 10-1 Bring, 10-1 Trikler (p), Tribenam, 10-1, Race Risc, High Si, Yagodo (p), 1sacc Singre (p), 176-1 Bring, 10-1 Bring

Equestrianism

Duke intervenes to halt West German move

By Pameia Macgregor-Morris
As a preliminary to a sturmy session of the general assembly of the International Equestrian Federation in Brussels yesterday, the West German federation tabled a motion proposing that the use a motion proposing that the use of phenyibutazone (bute), a paintilling drug, should be banned forthwith. Its use has already been prohibited in West Germany. Pat to the vote, the motion was carried, to the general astonishment, by 24 votes to 20.

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International Federation, said that he had received legal advice that the bureau was also obliged to rote and that, as arbiter, it would wote that the use of bute should not be prohibited. So those who back the drug, including the British and the Americans, fur waom Dr O'Den gave an impassioned speech in favour of bute, won the day, for the members of the bureau were all deemed to

won the day, for the members of the bureau were all deemed to vote the same way.

But a veterinary sub-committee is to be set up to examine the doping problem generally and it will be put to the vote again next year, it seems almost assured that bute will then become a prohibited substance—in time for the equestrian Olympic Games in Moscow, where local veterinary

opinion is on the side of the West Germans. The pulssance competition at Olympia next Saturday night will Olympia next Saturday night wikmet culminate with competitors
fighting out a finish over the digred wall. The course will end
instead with the traditional edifice
of sloping poles, which was the
obligatory obstacle for the oldfashioned high jump competition.
Now defunct in England, it surtived for many years at the Dublin
Horse Show.

It was over such a fence that

Horse Show.

It was over such a fence that Donald Beard set up the British record of 7ft 6jin, riding the late. Fred Fesser's Swank at Olympia in 1937. Forty years later in the same areas, Harvey Smith, on Graf, a grey German horse, will attempt to break the record and Radio Rentals are offering £1,000 to anyone who does.

to anyone who does.

With \$20,000 prize money for its 10 international competitions.

Olympia, in spite of its clash with the official French International the official French International
Shew in Paris, has attracted six
foreign riders. They include Johan
Heins, the reigning European
champion from the Netherlands,
Hendrick Snoek and Bendrick
Schulze-Siehoff, from West Germany, Ferdi Tyreca, from
Belgium, and Nelson Pessoa,
French-based Brazilian. All
Britain's top performers are in
the field of 36.

Motor racing

Jones in the driving seat of Williams's new car

By John Blunsden

The first of Frank Williams's new grand prix cars, the Fordpowered Saudia-Williams PW06, was unveiled at his team's racing headquarters in Didcot yesterday. It will be given its initial trials at Goodwood today by Alan Jones, the team's newly-signed driver. It will then be taken to the Paul Ricard circuit in the south of France where serious track testing will begin next weekend.

The car was designed by Patrick Head, who was formerly Dr Harvey Positethwaite's deputy at Walter Wolf Racing and who moved to Didcot when Wolf and Williams parted company earlier this year. The new car follows the latest trend in leaning towards conventionality, ease of maintenance and high quality detail engineering rather than to costly experimentation.

By securing substantial backing from the government-owned Saudi Arabian althnes, with sub-

on the starting grid.

Jones, the winner of the Austrian Grand Prix this year in a Shadow, will have two cars at his disposal in 1978 which will be used in rotation. The formidable armoury of his team includes six Cosworth Ford DFV engines and a similar number of Hewland six-speed gearboxes. There is an air of quiet optimism in the team which augurs well for the new season and for Jones, who is rated as one of the top 10 grand prix drivers in the world today.

Le Castellet. Dec 14.—Formula drivers in the world today.

Le Castellet, Dec 14.—Formula one grand prix cars from the Tyrrell, Ligier, Lotus and Mac-Laren teams were all involved in circuit trials here today. Interest centred on the new Lotus JPS-19, driven by Mario Andretti and Ronzie Peterson. Who drove for Tyrrell last season.

By securing substantial backing from the government-owned Saudi Arabian alrlines, with subsidiary sponsorship from the United States, Italy and this country. Williams is better placed today to build and operate a competitive grand prix team than at any time during his nine-year career in formula one as an independent entrant.

He has assembled a staff of 21 at his new factory and, although he will not enjoy the travel concessions available to members of the Formula One Constructors' Association, his Middle East support will enable him to take part in all 16 world championship qualifying races next year the

In all 16 world championship qualifying races next year the 17th, in Japan, has been cancelled), Finished in the Saudi national colours of white, dark green and gold, the Saudia-Williams is a silm-bodied, wide-racked car with a clean profile which suggests good penetration and seed granties.

Tyrrell last season.

The car has a longer wheelbase than the previous model. The trials were mainly for the benefit of the mechanics and designers; the car being fitted with instruments to record its handling characteristics. Another newcomer, tested by Jacques Laflitte, was the Ligier-Gitane, with froot-wheel drive, which also has an extended wheelbase as well as new suspension design and a new geerbox. Laflitte's compairiot, Patrick Depailler, later tried out the modified Tyrrell 008. In the next few days, the Le Castellet circuit will also be used by Niki Landa, the world champlon, who will test his new Brabham-Alfa Romeo. The new Renault RS-01 will also make an appearance. and aero-dynamics. Neat packaging beneath the outer skin includes the oil tank, Renault RS which is incorporated in the clutch appearance.

Table tennis

Boxing

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Johnson will

British title

For the record

JOHANNESBURG: Davis Cap, American zure, north, semi-tinal round: 5 and Colombia serie livel, 1—1; B. Br. 1910, 1—10, 6—1; R. Mariani, velazio, 0—6, 3—1—10, 6—1; R. Moore lost 1, Molina, 5—7, 2—6, 6—4, 2—6, MISMI REACH; Junior team tour

Cycling

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race (after four days): 1. R. Plinas Natherlands) and G. Frank, 462 pts: 2. D. Allan and D. Clarke (Australia) 119: 5. P. Serce (Besjum) and O. Clitter, 2001 A. W. Perfyer and A. Miller, 2001 A. W. Perfyer and A. Miller, 2001 A. W. Perfyer and A. Miller, 5. U. Perfyer, 2001 A. W. Perfyer, 2001 A. W. Perfyer, 2001 A. W. Perfyer, 2001 A. W. Schuller, 2001 A. W. Schuller, 2001 A. W. Schuller, 2001 A. G. Schuller, 2001 A.

KUALA LUMPUR: Uber Cup, Asira west room, semi-frank; Majaysia best India, 6—1. Malaysia quality to meet Japan in final.

MATIOMAL LEAGUE: Chicago Hiack Hawks 2, New York Lainniars 2: Colo-rado Roccios J. Buda'n Sabres 1: Vac-rouver Canucks 3, Washington Cap-lais 1. WORLD ASSOCIATION: Burningham Bulls 5, Houston Aur.; 5, International competition: Winnipeg Jets 5, Czecho-słovakia 1.

Badminton

Ice hockey

Tennis

Bunny Johnson, Britain's lightteavyweight champion, will defend

announced by the British Boxing Board of Control after a meeting in London yesterday, have still to

The Chinese are coming

England will play two table tennis internationals against a team from China next month. The matches will be staged at Eston Leisure Centre, Middlesbrough, on Friday, January 6, and Pickett's Lock Centre, Edmonton, on Tuesday, January 10. The Chinese party, consisting of four men and four women, will arrive in this country on January 4 and will also compete in the Cleveland Open championships and the Norwich Union international championships, at Brighton.



Newcombe: The Australian was forced to submit to Tanner's power but further enhanced his reputation.

Newcombe fails to handle Tanner's superb service next year. Last week the 30-year-

housing and also acts as a rear suspension mounting—an ingenious method of saving weight. When the car was put on the weighbridge for the first time yesterday evening, it tipped the scales some 10th below the minimum weight limit, which suggests that, when the final trimmings have been added, the car will be close to its minimum limit as it stands on the starting grid.

Innes, the winner of the Aus-Sydney, Dec 14.—John Newcombe, 33, served notice that his
termis career is far from finished
even though he was beaten in the
second round of the New South
Wales Open champlonships here
today. Newcombe, a former Wimbledon champion whose career has
been blighted by injury in recept
years, took the fourth-seeded
American, Roscoe Tanner, to three
sets before going down 6—3, 5—7,

Newcombe rates his form at Newcombe rates his form at about 80 per cent of his maximum, but that was enough to give the hig-serving American plenty of trouble in the best match of the tournament so far. "I wanted something more at the linish and couldn't get it but you can't expect miracles," he said. "But on what I did today I'm confidem I'll put up a mod showing in the Augralian Open next week."

Tanner lived up to his reputtion by serving 13 aces in 16 games, and showed that he will be hard to dislodge as the Australian Open champion. The top-seeded American, Vitas Gerulairis, moved into the third round by bearing

American, Viras Gerulairis, moved into the third round by beating John Lloyd, of Britain, 6—2, 6—2. But his fellow American. Stan Smith, went down 6—4, 4—6, 6—3 to Cirristopher Lewis of New Zealand. Tim Gallikson, the American winner of the South Australian event in Adelaide last week, beat Paul McNamee of Australia, 6—2, 6—3.

5mith, a former Wimbledon champion, suffered a bleak thirty-first birtiday. The defeat of the fifth seeded American ended his hopes of making the Masters final eight to play in New York early

old Lewis swept all before him until the finals of the Marlboro men's tournament in Adelance. In

Adelaide, Lewis was beaten in five tough sets by the American Tim Gullikson.

After losing the first set 4—6, Smith rook control in the second, winning 6—4, but was utable to keep up the pressure and fell in the final set 6—1. Gerulatis had an easy entry to the third round when he showed his best form in heating Lloyd. The Czech player Regita Marsikova defeated sesain Saliba of Australia. 6—1, 6—0 in a second-round women's singles that and America's Mona Greef rant beat the veteran Australian Jan O'Neill 6—4, 7—5.

Susan Barker of Britain moved safely into the third round with a 6—4, 6—1 triumph over Raym Fox.

MEN'S SINGLES. Second 1, 1, 10.

Sponsors double prizes

Martini have doubled their prize money from £15,000 to £30,000 for their International Club Golf tournament at the RAC, Epsom, Surrey, from May 18 to

The first prize has been in-creased from £3,000 to £5,000. The tournament, over 72 holes, will start the British and Irish circuit and like several other professional events next season, will finish on a Sonday.

David Rutherford, director of Martini and Rossi Ltd. said yesterday: "It is our wish to keep in line with today's level of prize money and we are happy to go along with the European Tournament Players Division's suggestion that tournaments should end on a Sunday."

He added: "We have also agreed to stage a pro-am event on the day before the tournament. This will carry additional prize money of £1,500."

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New members team up outside Buckingham Palace: Dr John (JPR) Williams (left), Tommy Smith and Roger Taylor with their MBEs. which they received from the Queen yesterday.

Yachting

Rangirira takes cup in dramatic finish

Sydney, Dec 14.—The New Zealand yacht Gunboar Rangirra won the World Half-Ton Cup in a dramatic finish here tonight, coming second in the fifth and final race of the world series to take the championship by 1.50cts, according to provisional results. Comboat Rangiria spatched second Combout Rangerira spatched second place on the final 40 mantical mile leg to gain the necessary points to beat the Irish yacht, Silver Sham-

silver Shanrock, suppered by the current world champion Harold Cudmore, crossed the finishing line first. The final provisional points are Rangierin 116.75 and Silver Shamrock 115.25. The final leg of the course was a chiff-hanger with the result of the cup hingeing on who would get second

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Winners & glast stations 1. C. Lodge
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2.47.36, R. Skiorten (Morway),

place. Saver Shamrock led from midway through the 246 nautical mile ocean race, but Rangirira, a centreboard yacht designed by Bruce Farr of New Zeaband, came from sixth position overnight to pass Waverider and Swuzzle-bubble. Rangirira is one of the new

lightweight centreboard yachts which have been developed for the 1977 level rating yache series in half ton and one ton yachts. These designs have been the subject of considerable controversy but in

this series there was never any real problem with these light displacement boats. Several of these vacius, including Silver Shamrock and Swuzzlebubble, are entrants for the Sydney-Hobert yacht race. for the Sydney-Hobert yacht receiPROVISIONAL PLACINGS: 1. Geneboat Rangirira (P. Willicox, N. Zesland).
116.73 pts: 2. Silver Shannock E.
Cudmoto: Irrisand: 115.75; 5. Tweeds
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104.90; 4. Warvrider (A. Bouraid, B.
Casland): 102.35; 5. Segrafishabble (G.
Glos, N. Zesland): 102.25; 5. Industries
Tits: (R. Beable), Australia): 94.55;
Provisional results of todays records
Silver Shannock: 7. Rangiria: 3.
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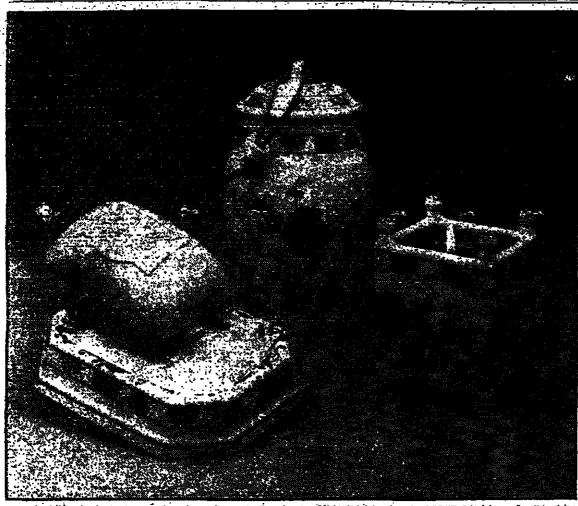
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without if I cannot have what I consider to be the best.

Note the qualification: what I consider to be the best, for I recognize that there may be those who view my choice of presents with a mixture of aesthetic nausea and financial scandal. But then what is investment in the best, or better still commissioning of the best, if it is not personal, even self-indulgent? One man's individual confidence is, after all, another man's advantage.

I like the best in "craft work" I am not interested in the deliberate thumb-

not interested in the deliberate thumb-print on the pottery jug, or the rough-hewn inaccuracies of a textile piece. I believe that the future of the artist-crafts-

believe that the future of the artist-craftsman lies in carrying forward the frontiers of his art—one of the reasons I so much admire the skater John Curry.
So I should like to own (another) textile work by the artist Candece Bayhouth. I should like in fact to have "The poem of the Pahow" a Japanese triptych on sale now at the admirable Prescotet Gallery, Cropredy, Banbury, Oxon (029 575 660) in which the ledies and gentleman are entirely contrived: Omn (029 575 660) in which the ledies and gentleman are entirely contrived; three-dimensionally, of the most contrived; three-dimensionally, of the most contrived; wrought tapestry, finished with Belle Epoch hairdness of real horsehair. Such is the exemplary level of their craftsunanship that they might have been made on an industrial loom, or painted indeed, such is their precision of feature. In fact they are entirely hand made, and totally lovely. Then what of the silver ladle by Stuart Devian, the Australian silversmith who has now moved from table settings to the at use table—art chairs—art has taken por isely the arms originally and intransagint search for modern recoming from the one to the other? The ladle is from the one to the other? The ladle is hammered entirely by hand, from a piece of silver eight inches long. It has a rounded, thick bowl, a ridged handle and

One of the many charms of the best that it has a future. If passed on as a fit then necipient, and if sold, the perfect is the craftsmanship of the spontaneous the perfect is the craftsmanship of the spontaneous the perfect is the craftsmanship of the spontaneous the perfect is the best, and carries an ancient techning which represents the acme of a writcolar piece. I am a self-confessed istophile, perfectly content to slum along thout if I cannot have what I consider be the best.

On the same carrying-forward tack, let on the same carrying-intward tark, let me commend Clerkenwell Promotions, 31 Clerkenwell Chose, London, EC1 (01-253 6101) which is a central marketing agency set up by the tenants on a non-profit making basis. The Close houses a luthier, gilder, cabinet-maker, upholsterer and a whole host of other makers. Personally, I want some stained glass (representa-tional or modern) for Oxfordshire but also nonal or modern) for Oxfordshire but also for a perfect present, why not have a book bound? My books are among my dearest friends, and get the same rough and vital treatment as other groups. I read the same things over and over, and I would dearly like my D. M. Low paperback of the Decline and Fall, or my Portable Dorothy Parker in a splendid back worthy of their style. (Of course, I'd keep a paperback for travelling) but it just seems to me the most lucid orison. For the man who has everything, including, if one is to believe the government. ing, if one is to believe the government, a nasty disease coming up, I can present the best in thic risk-taking. Anne Bloom. the best in chic risk-taking. Anne Bloom. 4 Grosvenor St, W1 (01-493 0526) has got rogether a collection of wicked cigarette cases, any of which, when presented ought to ensure that your fature is assured. Bikewise that sensational Reger nightie. Clad in sheer late, if you fail in your objectives in life wearing this, I think you ought to think about aportion direction in life. another direction in life.

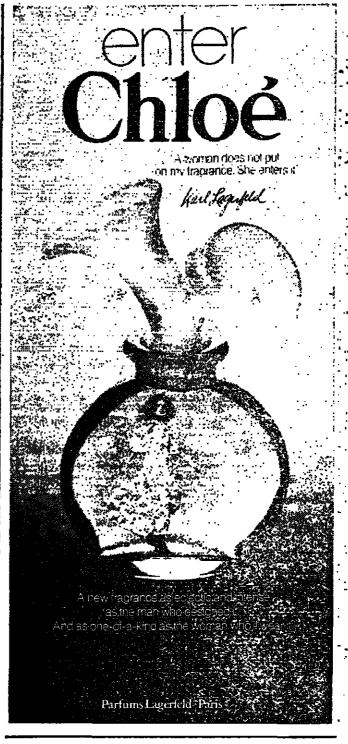
I get very nervous when people give me cosmetics, or scent, because I have strong views on colour, and on how I smell. I am therefore graceful to Estée Lauder for lifting the whole thing out of the realms of "does she wear pink chocolate, or chocolate pink?" and producing a ravishing range of so-called cosmetic presents which instead of landing one in the agony of exhange, the neurosis of he doesn't understand me, are just simply beautiful packages, taken from the highest source, fidled with goodies for now, but with an afterlife.

Little things mean a lot. The best flowers mean white, highly scented from Pulbrook and Gould in Sloane Street. I cover the cut jobs, but, intrinsically mean, even prefer the same in plantable outside settings. True, there are moments when those splendid dishes resemble a pet's grave, but them, being a strong minded girl, I put the moss round my climbing put plants, dip the dish (usually very pretty) in the Phillips DW and serve up the familiar roast on same, and put all the bits into the garden, which, you must admit just about answers all my demands edmit just about answers all my demands

for a now and future present. Chocs I hardly touch, but my faint knowledge of the things persuades me that they must be from Richoux and should be covered in dark chocolate, be two eighths of an inch thick, and filled with white peppermint...

For those who have disliked every suggestion so far, I can add that Browns in South Molton Street are now stocking the most lowely and exotic cloches from Rome by Boza Kozak, to visit whom devoted readers will remember that I climbed through a hole in a root. Uncommitted, you might like to give a voucher for chic...the smartest in the form of a silter chic—the smartest in the form of a silver key to Wardrobe, 42 Chiltern St. (01486 5064) and 25 Old Bond St, from £10 to

My last choice is very personal. I have mentioned before Penhasigon, 41 Welling-ton Street, Covent Garden. Tiny, ultimas-ely recherchs, just available in Bergdorf in New York, is not the sexiest scent of in New York, is not the sexiest scent of all Hamman Bouquet, supposedly for a man, but then, what more exotic than to wear it oneself and thus imply the recent flight from the arms of the enchanter. Do not be mean, if you intend to pinch it yourself, go "or the Extract at £10 the oz. Panhadigon prefer to write the name of the possessor on the label, but you can always play safe with such phrases as "To my darling". which will make your husband very happy.



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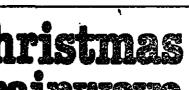
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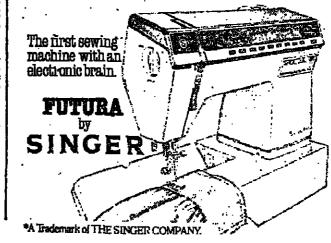
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Karamanlis finds resistance to moves towards the West

by Mario Modiano

There has been a marked differ.

The opposition, however, will no longer be led by the accommodating and strongly pro-European Mr George Mavros. His moderate Democratic Centre Union suffered heavy defeat. It lost half of its votes and was left with a mere 15 deputies. Mr Mavros himself has relinquished himself has relinquished leadership of the party.

and the EEC and the Ameri-

To assess how the new launching a civil war, has been spent in the preceding the state machine, political situation may influence the country's future ders of the fallen junta were. However, all was not rosy continued on

attribute to fears, at the time, that the tanks might

secure enough to afford an opening to the left."

On the institutional front, the special passes out of Greece.

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wing to the left in Greece and the trend is plainly rethem as a temporary phenopeled in the composition of the new Parliament which opened in Athens this week. Last month's elections gave the Conservative Party a good lead but brought the anti-weeklest radicals, for the first time, near to the threshold of power.

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course, it is necessary to ex- jailed for life, and their sadi- for the Greeks during these shifts. And here opinions prison sentences.

A catastrophic war with and omissions. Analysis There are those who treat Turkey was averted and the believe they can trace there

mr Constantine Karamanlis remains leader of the majority—a somewhat emaciated majority—it is true. But 172 out of 300 deputies is enough to prop a government solidly for the next four years.

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whose fundamentalist Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) unexpectedly doubled its share of the vote and won 93 seats. Pasok stands for a socialist economy at home and non-align.

opening to the left."

The balance of payments was kept under courtol and the budget remained balanced. Special taxes were achievement of the Karamanlis administration in the past three years. It is given to profess that the swing towards Pasok was due to protest, and was considered on property and corporate profits as well as on luxury imports, to offset the

The most important new The Greeks realize today there are seven applicants as needlessly bureaucratic as than a third of Parliament more genuine democracy in the control of the control o than a third of Parliament more genuine democracy in Credits to education in the major deterrent to economic will be actively opposing all modern times. Even the last three years rose to development as prospective communist Party, ostracized 68,000m drachmas (£1,062m) investors refused to become for 30 years because of almost equal to what had enmeshed in the tentacles of

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Although the Socialist Opposition, led by the minds of the Europeans. Opposed to joining the EEC, made substantial gains at last month's elections, the Conservative Government's commitment Greek produce, unlike Spanish is only a small fractory of the contrast to the negotiations the contrast to the negotiations been transmitted to the cool with the three most recent Europeans. Not that all of the contrast to the negotiations been transmitted to the cool with the three most recent Europeans. Not that all of the negotiations of the contrast to the negotiations been transmitted to the cool opposed to joining the EEC, made substantial gains at last month's elections, the form of the contrast to the negotiations been transmitted to the cool opposed to joining the EEC, made substantial gains at last month's elections, the form of the contrast to the negotiations been transmitted to the cool opposed to joining the EEC, made substantial gains at last month's elections, the form of the negotiations been transmitted to the cool opposed to joining the EEC, made substantial gains at last month's elections, the form of the negotiations of the further of the form of the contrast to the negotiations been transmitted to the cool opposed to joining the EEC, made substantial gains at last month's elections, the form of the negotiations of the further of the negotiations of the negotiations of the negotiations of the further of the negotiations of the negotiati to adhesion remains unshaken. Mr Karamanlis has announced that negotiations,
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But the fear of broadening any impression that negotianegotiations have lost their the budget remained balanced. Special taxes were due to protest, and was indeed and won 93 seats. Pasok on a socialist economy at home and non-alignment in foreign affairs. It wants Greece our of Nato and Screece our of Nato Span and Portugal.

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Negotiations opened offici. Greece will be a full memally in June 1976 and began ber by 1980. in earnest last July. Every month the permanent representatives of Greece and the cause a scanning in depth.

Community meet in Brussels of the issues is taking place. nomic and technical levels, knowing the positions held french elections.

We are at the stage of by the outcome of the while progress on political by both sides", one negotiamatters is examined once tions official course in the progress of the progress o to examine progress on ecomatters is examined once tions official states. "What every three months. In he is not yet clear is the length tween, negotiations are con- of the transitional period."
ducted between economic The Europeans ha

and July 1977 the Greek or common, but mey (Pasor), says no to the Government submitted its have not yet given an official EEC, and other pressure position on customs union, answer.

the harmonization of agricultural policy, the free move is a practical one, depending ment of people and capital and the common market in which the Greek economy difficulties to be surmounted. Street and could be surmounted.

in Community institutions.

The present phase is the

and technical experts on accepted five years as the specific items.

Between December 1976 for the adjustment of the and July 1977 the Greek Greek economy, but they

Only the agricultural and institutional issues have still to negotiate Greek reservations. These reservations are reasonable and justified (the gan last October, in an effort towards rapprochement on specific issues. And the recent ministerial resolutions are only on a political level but cent manisterial negotiations between M. Simonet, President of the Council, and Mr

six sectors. The agriculture broblem of that the Government, in its relinquish many of their desire to speed negotiations, last put up "Greece for the commission's answer. The third phase will probably start next March, when Greece and the EEC will be called upon to agree on the mesertled parts of the adnession agreement. It is a real effect on the megotiation agreement. It is a real effect on the megotiation are difficult because the sion agreement. It is a real effect on the megotiation are difficult because the mosetled parts of the adnession agreement. It is a real effect on the megotiation are difficult because the mosetled parts of the adnession agreement. It is a real effect on the megotiation, estimated at the agreement will be signed by the end "What consequences will of 1978. If all goes well, concession A or B to Greece will cost the EEC will of the agreement, so one question, even though the could reasonably expect that Greeks consider it irreleview.

tiations often appear to be hampered by contradictory statements. Real progress, however, is not affected.

The conclusion of the second phase, due by the end of next March, will require clarification of the communal positions, which will inevitably be influenced

communists against the Community's enlargement: so are Greek communists, and they are not alone. Even Mr Andreas Papandreou, presi-dent of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok), says no to the

steel and coal, its most re- can gradually be liberated. Much more information cent submission concerned This fact has often been mis- needs to be available if negothe Greek participation quota understood during the negotiations can progress on spein Community institutions. cific issues. In order to cope with EEC demands, Greek bureaucracy must undergo a huge adjustment in the next

There are also the voices

of the pressure groups whose interests will be impaired by membership. The Greek Government can analyse the consequences for the steel dent of the Council, and Mr
Papaligouras, former Coordination Minister of Greece
and now Foreign Minister, cal discrepancy exists between the go ahead to the integration of negotiations in six sectors. The agriculture Greek Opposition maintains problem and the problem of that the Government, in its problem and the problem of desire to speed negotiations,

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able to invoke comparable difficulties

expects the stiffes hament is asked to ratify the new bases agreement with the United States, which was initialled last July

that the new agreemen cazz bases in Greece entirely under effective Greek con trol. They will also be used by the Greek Armed Forces. The opposition rejects this as a fairy-tale claiming that the bases are here to spy or Greece and will make this country a prime target in case of war. Most demonstrations in Greece, whatever their object, inevitably include the chant: "out with the death bases."

> Bases agreement linked to Cyprus peace

Yet, the bases agreement is bound to be a vital component of any Americas induced Cyprus settlement because this would be directly related to the lifting

directly related to the lifting of the American arms embargo on Turkey. Similar resistance is expected if the Government works out with Nato a special status for Greece ithe Greek Armed Forces will remain under national comremain under national com-mand, but in case of East-West conflict, they will be promptly integrated in the allied command.

Greece has been alienated to some extent from military

Nato since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Mr Karamanlis is pledged not to rejoin until the problems with Turkey are resolved. The Opposition wants a complete break with Nam and non-elignment. Popular feeling on these

important issues seems to transcend party affiliations. The Greeks are divided but not along the lines defined by the voting strength of political parties. For instance, many supporters of Mr Karamanlis would be happy to see the American bases go: while many Pasok voters are known to favour Greek membership in the EEC.

The Greek Constitution of 1975 includes a provision which empowers the Presi-dent to bring important issues directly to the people for a vote by referendum. In view of the country's new political situation this procedure may have to be used often in order to avert dangerous deadlocks between

the Government and the

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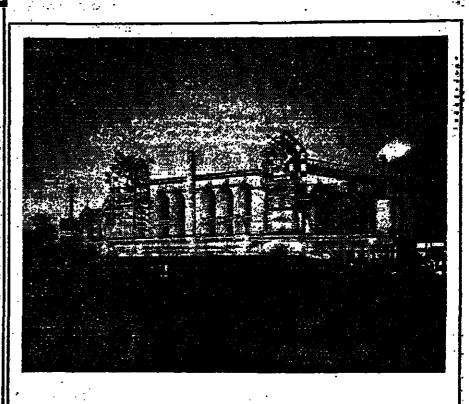
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Accession to the Community would benefit Greek farmers by ensuring the sale of their products at sale of their products at not be a deus ex machina of the community.

For Greeks, accession will not be a deus ex machina which would somehow solve their problems. France and Italy, to reform the CAP in favour of Mediaterranean products and agricultural development policy, then both sides will benefit. Cooperation among Mediaterranean countries is essential because solutions are bound to be found to any differences similarities are

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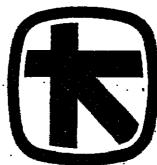
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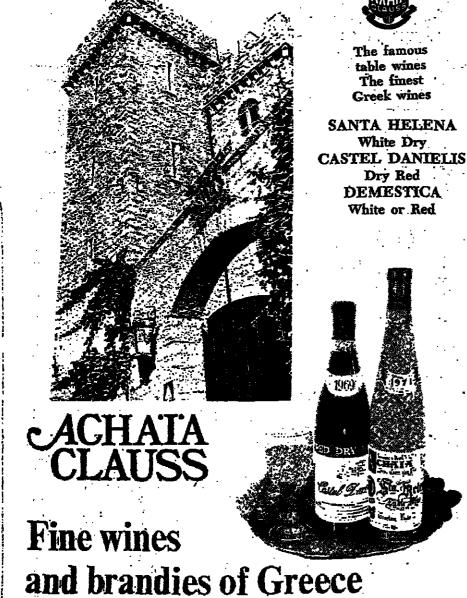
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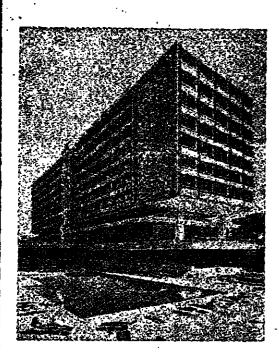
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Sit at one of the outdoor Between 1974 and 1976 sumption in Athens, for instrengueers or even of small cafes along the main avenues overall Greek imports in ance, would be 80kg—equal craftsmen who make his of Athens or Salonika and be creased by abour 7.5 per to the EEC average. Yet, money, such as electricians, dazzled by the number of cent a year. But imports of when the Community's per plumbers or the television having immonstres driving non-essential manufactured capita income stood at repair man; having immonstres driving non-essential manufactured capita income stood at repair man; having past. They are mostly models consumer goods rose by 34 Greece's present level of One suggestion is to imprice, but twice as much in to £400m. This bill is not exceed 45kg a head.

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Greece because of taxes.

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supermarket and discover Within six years, the number of the dold them: "We Greeks restrict luxury spending he had many different kinds of her of private cars more tend to indulge in the life-cluded this year a 25 per caviare there are in the than doubled—from 220,000 style of the West Europeans cent levy on such imports as world or brands of champage, to weak it down.

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ment. The two figures pro-gressed almost side by side during 1973. Since then, the

There could be two reasons for the paradox. The initial ment incentives may have led businessmen to undertake expansion in excess of the dem-and for goods; and an in-crease of industrial produc-tion could have resulted mainly from growth in em-

The explanation of employment-growth could account partly for why there has been party for why there has been little unemployment and why Greek businessmen prefer capital-intensive to labour intensive investment, although labour is relatively abundant.

On the other hand, the big investments of 1963-66 were realized by multinational corporations and not by national companies. Greek industria-lists prefer to invest in mod-ernizing their factories than to build new production

It should also be recalled that the Greek fiscal system provides for compound interest at lower than the inflation rate—a factor that encourages investment in properly—and that there has been a considerable in-crease in labour costs, with no guarantees for productivity.

On the other hand, the orrelation between the correlation between the growth rate of prices and the degree of employment in industry shows that during periods of relative price control, production increases in relation to plant use. During a period of souring inflation industrial producnvity decreases and so, does

Deceleration of the invest ment rare has coincided with a profit decline and not just with increasing costs. Profits from business have constitu-ted the target for either taxation policy or militant trade unionism over the past three years.

It is clear that government incentives are required in order to change the unfavourable investment climate as well as greater study of the factors responsible for the dearth of investment.

For the past three years the Government has pinned its hopes more on invest-ment in the public sector than in the private. But these hopes have not yet materialized, and recently the Government announced that it had reached new deci-sions concerning industrial

Apparently these pertain to investment grants, which will be available to all in-dustrial firms, Greek or foreign, willing to make in-vestments in Greece, as is Ireland. Private sector copy

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nly established uself Greece as a major national receipts are expected to reach a record \$1,000m.

The number of sisitors is specified to reach four and a half to five million by the end of the year, which will also be a record. In the first nine months 3,957,879 tourists wisited Greece, 337,782 of them Britishs. Tourism receipts increased by 22.8 per cent in the same period. cent in the same period, while the number of visitors

rose by about 10 per cent.

The day of tourists has more dian doubled in the past three years, bringing with it enough foreign currency to offset an appreciable part of the chronic deficit in Greec's balance of payments. All this has developed in a little over a decade from a humble industry, based on family cun tavernas

crivals " stanistics.

The state tourist organiza-tion and the tourism operamore analytical look, nor cally at the growth of tourism, but at the forms that growth is taking. The tourist is obviously more interested in Greece's interested in Greece's beaches, bouzouki, and the holiday atmosphere than in the Greek balance of payments. But those concerned with the national accounts are also concerned with the success of the tourist's holi-

The Greek National Tourist Organization took sample polls this year at frontier points, asking frontier points, asking departing visitors for their comments. Seventy per cent said they were satisfied with their holidays. Others had complaints which were both redictable and remediable. They included: poor service, the plumbing facilities in some public places, museum

The prospect of keeping tore than five million murists happy in the coming year, and an estimated 6,500,000 by 1982, is a chalseems confident that they can cope. The country has 9.327 climate, incentives ranging shipowner, has built a selfand a steadily expanding operators who bring in off- yards that produce exc

Greece is seeking the answer May, in the encouragement of The development of new touristic development in holiday possibilities and the more areas, and in a con-expansion of existing facilitinuing campaign to lure tra- ries are going ahead briskly Organization, operating in vellers to Greece throughout and at all levels. The Chand- an area where private capital the year. For the rourist this ris shipping group, with a might not venture, has means a wider choice of holi- new first-class hotel near the announced that 500 more

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based on family run tavernas and small hotels. With this rapid growth have come ne difficulties.

There is a heightened awareness that the continu-ing success of the Greek tourist industry does not lie simply in totting up million upon million in the "tourist

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Tourists outside the Pro- Corfu, Parthenen. Athens. in the country. Parthenon, Athens.

ould be difficult to crowd, days (with bonuses to tour that even has its own vine and a steadily expanding operators who bring in our yards mar produce excession samplings thus stands at 229,186 beds.

The question is how to get courses, and the timeless lages on the south coast of the right number of tourists archaeological treasures, conducted and the right number of time to spread arrivals country, families who rented the heds together in the right through the once "dead" rooms to tourists last sumble hotel guests, place at the right time months from November to the first time to the form of the country of the country

day or, to the delight of the sea at Athens and hotels beds will be available for trade, a series of holidays. linked with its cruise opera- 1978 in renovated village country's enviable tions at Chios, Crete and

the country.

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which said that while fallen by more than 20 per

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Mr Penayotis Karadontis president of the federation day centres and to tourists less expensive accommoda-rion. But the fall in hotel occupancy was also a result of the increased number of beds to be filled.

Since 1974 a rise of 14 per cent had taken place in the number of hotels and a 31 per cent increase in the num-ber of beds. He called attention, however, to the sensiti wity to any change in the par-tern of the industry of areas where tourism has become the chief support of the

Mr Karadontis estimate that 90 per cent of the Rhodes depends directly or indirectly on tourism, while in Corfu 60 per cent of the economy is geared to the

The impression that while more tourists are coming to Greece each year they are not spending more money is Athens financial journal re-cently urged a greater emphasis on long-term planning It said that in the period 1973-76 there had been a rise of 60 per cent in total tourist revenue but only an 18 per cent increase in per capita

Figures from the National Tourist Organization indi-cated that there was a 14 per cent increase in capita tourist expenditure during 1977. And they also indicated that the outlook is good for 1978.

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The Greek banking system has been developing fast in the last few decades to keep pace with the rapid growth of demand for banking services reflecting, in turn, the economy's progressing monetisation and development. A basic characteristic of this period has been that an ever increasing part of the population is having recourse to the banking system for depositing their money and settling their transactions. Since the capital market is still not sufficiently developed, most of the savings used for investment financing are channelled through the banks, largely through the commercial banks, which are still one of the principal sources of capital for fixed asset formation even though there are now several specialised investment banks in operation.

The Commercial Bank of Greece is an efficiently organised institution and the second-largest bank in the country by any criterion. Internationally, it occupies the 228th place among the world's 500 biggest banks in terms of deposits, and the 221st place among the 300 biggest banks in terms of total assets.

The origin of the Commercial Bank of Greece can be traced back to the year 1886. Ever since then it has been steadily developing. A few years ago, its modernisation programme took a great step forward with the introduction and subsequent extension of the teleprocessing system: in this respect the Commercial Bank now occupies a pre-eminent position amongst the largest European banks. The Bank's country-wide network of branches and representative offices now consists of 197 branches, 3 permanent agencies, 11 foreign exchange bureaux and 46 rural bus service-lines (mobile banks). The Commercial Bank was the first to introduce in Greece mobile banks which now serve 600 small towns and villages throughout the country.

The Commercial Bank of Greece has played a leading part in the development of the Greek economy, especially in the last twenty years, winning for itself a substantial share of the country's total banking business and supplying a considerable proportion of the funds channelled into productive investment. At the same time it has been constantly strengthening its relations and enlarging the scope of its relationship and co-operation with foreign banks and financial

As pointed out by the Bank's Chairman and General Manager, Mr. Evangelos Eliades, in his Report to the last Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders (held in June 1977), the financial position of the Bank has been greatly strengthened recently, following the increase in its share capital effected, by virtue of Law 431/1976, through payments in cash. As a result of this increase, its total capital and reserves rose to the equivalent of approximately \$205 million at the end of 1976. At the same time, there followed a substantial increase in the Bank's liquidity and a considerable improvement in the ratios of the Bank's own funds on the one hand, to deposits or total or selected assets on the other.

The figures below indicate the changes in the Bank's position and volume of transactions, in the period from the end of 1976 to September

(in millions) 31.12.1975 Capital and		31.12.1976		30.9.1977					
Reserves	Drs.	1,903	(\$53.4)	Drs.	. 7,578	(\$204.6)	Drs.	7.578	(\$204.6)
Deposits	77	48,155	(\$1,351)	17	57,550	(\$1,554)	21	-	(\$1.867)
Loans and									
Advances		28,887	(\$810)	**	32,527	(\$878)	p r	38,887	(\$1,059)
Total Assels									
or Liabilities	•	88,618	(\$2,486)	77	106,232	(\$2,869)	*	121,348	(\$3,304)

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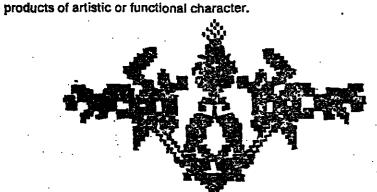
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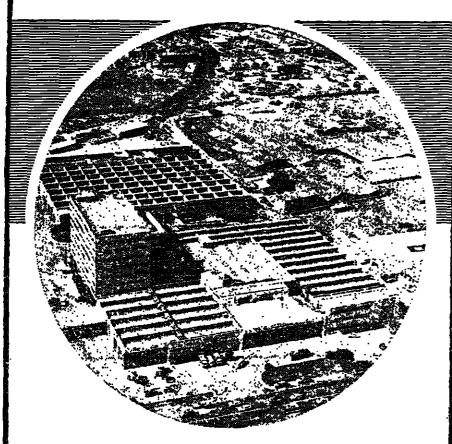
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Shipping fleets are riding out the financial storm

by Stephen Farrant

persistent were rumours early November of the minent financial collapse imminent financial collapse of one 50-ship fleet managed out of Piraeus that the group concerned took the highly unusual step for a Greek firm of publishing its accounts. They showed a net trading profit of just over \$21m for 1976 and a prekiminary profit figure put far

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has emerged among other

Such indications as occasionally emerge from family

businesses under little obli-gation to account either to tax authorities or to outside shareholders, suggest that the great majority of the more solid medium-sized York have also so weathered the storm fairly good shape.

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It was a timely reminder then attractive prices, have of the fact that Greek operators have in the main surwith the yen and the closer to the brink appalling freight market on which those heavily debt burdened ships must now standing at a worker of the seen in lay-up figures.

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It is, though, getting tougher all the time, and those committed to handy-

in Greek courts.

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—may now have passed not only the Norwegian but also the 32 million ton British the 32 million ton British the stanker operators, and it fleet to claim third place is a widely held view that

operated by Greeks but reg-istered under other flags,

Hammer and sickle attract one in ten votes

by Mario Modiano

just won a resonading vic-tory over its rival the Communist Party of the Interior. the local brand of Euro-communists, in the Greek elections, settling old scores and reasserting its supremacy among the Greek com-

It was the first time since 1936 that the KKE stood for election under its own name newly gained legitimacy, the and the hammer and sickle two factions joined forces, emblem, rather than behind with the United Democratic the façade of a popular front. Left (EDA), the party that

the façade of a popular front.

It did rather weil.

When Parliament opened this week, the KKE was represented by 11 deputies in a house of 300, including the party's secretary-general, Mr. Harileos Florakis. The rival Eurocommunists had only

KKE polled 480,000 votes, as many as all the Communist When the results came, KKE factions had obtained in the elections of 1974 which were the Interior two, and EDA beld after the collapse of the seven-year-long military dictatorship.

All efforts for a reunion of the two factions were re-

tatorship.

Half a million votes is not too impressive in absolute numbers, but in the Greek context it represents one out of every 10 votes. It was the cumulative result of three years of hard (and costly) organization. was the cumulative result of three years of hard (and costly) organizational work, after a ban lasting 30 years. In the Establishment, but it

three years of hard (and costly) organizational work, after a ban lasting 30 years.

Above all, it was the culmination of efforts since 1958 to preserve party unity after the emergence of the dissident group which opted for "communism with a human face". The dissidents challenged the party's loyalty to Moscow and the dictatorship of the proletariat and supported the multi-party system and respect for human rights.

The rift came in February, 1968, when the Greek communists working clandestinely in Greece against the dictatorship began to resent taking orders from the party's expatriate leadership secure in the luxuries of Moscow where they had settled after the KKE's armed rebellion collapsed in 1949.

During the party's twelfth plenum, a group led by Mr Dimitri Partsalidis, one-time premier of a guerrilla government in Greece, revolted and accused KKE leaders of losing touch with realities at home. He demanded an equal voice for the men of the so-called "Bureau of the Interior". who were taking all the risks in Greece.

The group even managed to seize for a few hours the "Free Greece" radio station located somewhere in East Germany, which was the party's main link with its followers in Greece.

The Soviet leaders gave full backing to the KKE to second and the student size the tast line worked hard inside the trade unions and the student associations, where well-discips called minorities could take dunions, where well-discips. The party's success with the students was greater than with the worked hard inside the trade unions and the student associations, where well-discip.

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The Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia, which they condemned, deepened the The pro-Soviet Communist the breach. The rebels set on the KKE of the Interior and challenged the KKE's most sacrosance doctrines. When the Greek junta col-

lapsed in July 1974 and Mr Constantine Karamanlis be-came Prime Minister, be legalized both communist EEC entry would see Greek parties and let them take full part in the Greek elec--Still wallowing in their

porters discreet guidance to favour only its own candi-

loans to Greek owners, and that the crunch has already arrived for a score of mostly smaller Piracus-based enter-prises is clear from the lengthening rollcell of vessel

It is a descriptating situa ever possible to farm the management of a

an active lending market for newcomers. Start-up drycargo topnage can in some stered under other flags. less than half the price of For Greek owners, with no 18 months ago, making pos-sible not only the quick recent loan but also the squirreling away of a modest operating profit.

Reopening the door that traditional renewal substantial percentage old ships which fig prominently in an aggravate further the crewing situation which many owners would now single out as the major difficulty

There are simply not enough Greek lower-deck seamen to go round. Officers, too, are scarce, and owners say overall quali has gone down at the san time as wages have surged ahead on what is now some thing of a black market for all ranks. Earlier fears that

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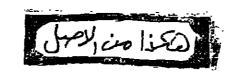
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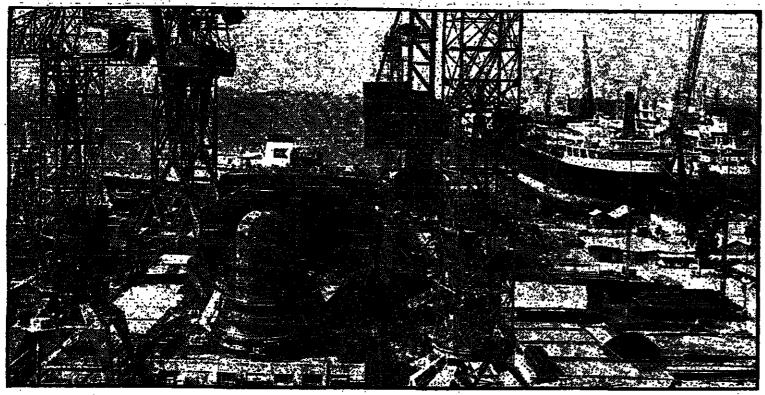
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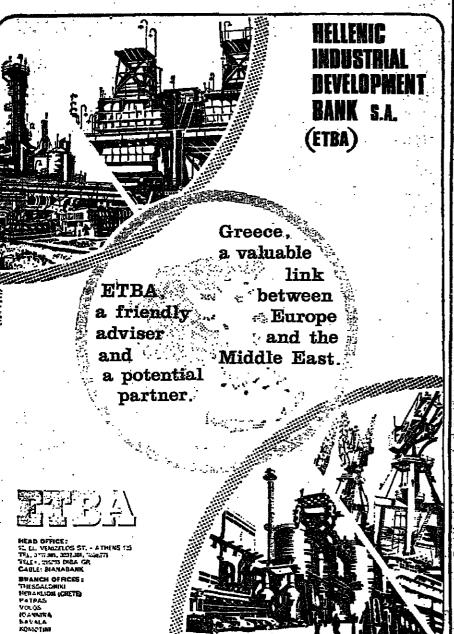
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Bureaucracy delays plans for shipyards



The Hellenic shipyard at Skaramangas. Hellenic is the only firm still building vessels of any size.



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essentially repair yards, and this has been the case for two years. Only where Mr Stavros fleet—still has vessels of any size on its books, with the last of a 19-ship run of size on its books, with the last of a 19-ship run of extending from a certain 37,000 tonners due for delivery next autumn.

Recent reintroduction by Government circles to sheer the Government of loan official incompetence, little underwriting and state was to come of such plans backed performance guaran under the dictatorship. tees has perhaps come too Those projects revived, or late to make much differ put forward for the first ence, even on contracts from time since democracy was developing nations claimed restored in the summer of previously to have been lost 1974, can hardly be said to for lack of credit.

Although it has brought bankruptcy in its wake to at least one previously flourishing Perama builder, it is hardly a tragic situation although given a clean bill early 1980s to include a total measured by recent European experience since repairs, refits, conversions and shipbreaking have long been the staple output of the Greek industry. Indeed, finally rejected by the compare fairly well with long before there was any Ministry of Coordination in the Meditegranean), there long before there was any hint of the way world ship-builders were going to be battered by the recession, it was the general agreement an official reason that Greece could, and negative decision. should, become a major ship Two floating of

Two floating docks pur-chased by Martinos interests

service, the industry is above all a generator of foreign

Ministry of Coordination in most of the competition.

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in 1975 and 1976 for a pro posed yard at Aliveri on the of Euboea are still lying idle at moorings while the company wrestles with the bureaucrats over small print on land expropriation and other details.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars-worth of work con-tinues meanwhile to be Piragus, where the Port Authority's two permanent and two floating installations have been worked around the clock since 1972, and could profitably have been supplemented by another three or four docks in the 6,000 to 30,000 deadweight range. Here it is a monopoly negotiated in 1963 for the Niarchos yard, and later extended just to Eleusis Shipyards, which prevents any upgrading of repair capacity

It is for all that not an entirely negative picture. The Aliveri project finally looks set fair and if agreed it could be capable of handling repairs from 1979.

Hellenic Shipyards brought its new 500,000 ton graving dock into service on sche-dule over the summer; the 45,000 deadweight capacity dook at the J. C. Carras-managed Khaikis yard north of Athens has been accepting outside contracts since end of last year, and last month the placing of an order in West Germany for a 45,000 deadweight dock due for delivery by next August to join the 70,000 deadweight the island of Syros.

Effectively in public ownership 15 months ago, Eleusis Shipyards recently gave Italian consultants re sponsibility for a feasibility into a graving dock for very large crude carrier repairs Overall repair capacity in

Environmentalist protests 2,500 vessels of a total 30 held back work on a three mathion tons have been hanthere why

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it insures crops against hail and frost which are the main hazards in Greece. Every year about 300,000 to 600,000 damage claims from these causes are received

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Within the frame of government policy, O.G.A.'s future prospects are very

(a) improvement and simplification of insurance procedure for dealing more quickly with insured members (b) increasing the values of pensions

(c) improvement and integration of medical treatment, which is of paramount concern to the Greek Govern-ment. Some measures have already been announced, for example free drugs for chronic diseases, foundation of new medical stations in the provinces and modernisation of those which already exist with appropriate permanent staff and

(d) the improvement of crop insurance and other associated cover.

Now that Greece is applying for entry into the EEC, O.G.A. has begun to examine relevant problems and the necessary measures which will be required to be taken in time to co-ordinate the whole of this insurance scheme into the framework of the Common Market.

Moves to West resisted

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At local level this official bureaucracy and ineffi-ciency, with its built-in con-tempt for the citizen, generated mass indignation as people felt forced to resort to political patronage in order to get the state to even on ordinary

and industrial production declined for the first name. This was not only because of the international economic ecession. Businessmen complained that the Govern-ment's policies smacked of socialism and discouraged hem from taking risks. There were other misgiv

ings. Inveterate anti-com-munists were shocked by the Government's tolerance towards the comm vanted to punish it for allowing communists and anarchists to penetrate schools and universities to and subver Greek youth. What is likely to happen

The increased strength of the opposition parties in Parliament leaves the Government less latitude to handle major domestic and, particularly, foreign issues at will. That is, up to a point. The Government does not

now?

possess the two-thirds majority it commanded in the last chamber, but even then it heeded opposition objections to a remarkable de-The emergence of Pasok

as the main opposition party, presumably with some chance of climbing to power in a future election, can hardly delight the economic establishment or stimulate investments in enterprises that could be taken over by the state if Pasok won. Some observers argue

however, that this could work both ways: if the cotting Mr Karamanlis's drive for rapid economic development, the simply enhance they will ance Pasok's chances in the next elections. Pasok's opposition to full Greek membership of the EEC may also influence developments in contradictory ways: the Nine may decide to speed up adstrengthen the pro-European forces in Greece. Alternatively, those Community members opposing enlarge-ment could argue that Greek admission would be futile since, if Pasok came to power, Greece might pull out

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GREECE'S ELECTRICAL ECONOMY ENTERS A NEW PHASE OF PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT

Stretching out to every corner of the Greek soil, the powerlines symbolize today the extent and importance of the efforts of the Public Power Corporation. They also stand as the reward of a hard drive for the electrification of the country in harmony with modern technology and contemporary life requirement. Dating back to 1950 when the PPC was established, those efforts never ceased to see new objectives for a better social and economic life

1950: A START-UP FOR ELECTRIFICATION

The power service the population was receiving twenty-seven years ago could easily be thought of as practically nonexistent or substandard. This is readily explained by the fact that apart from Athens, Piraeus, Patras and Thessaloniki, all other towns from Athens, Firagets, Pairas and Thessalonici, all other towns were serviced by low-wartage local stations, operating for a limited period of time every day and selking power at probibitive rates for the many. So, even though electricity was mostly used for lighting purposes in rural parts, neither the villages nor the rural settlements had access to it. In contrast with the rest of the country, Athens was in fact the only urban centre whose economic and social life was appreciably affected by the applications of electricity.

In exact numbers, the total output of the 400 local stations operating in 1950 barely reached 630 million kilowatt-hours and consumption flickered at 538 million kilowatt-hours. Per capita consumption dwindled at just 71 kilowatt-hours a year.

Of this 538 million KWH consumption, Athens and Piraeus shared 452 million KWH leaving a meagre 86 million KWH for the rest of the country and forming a top-heavy power pattern whereby the capital with 18% of the total population answered for 85% of the consumption and the remaining 82% of the population accounted for just 15% of the total demand. Accordingly, each Athenian consumed a mean 321 KWH a year compared to a scanty 14 KWH for each inhabitant of all other parts

In 1950, the total installed capacity of Greece's power stations stood at 223,000 KW of which 133,000 KW were gathered in Athens and Piraeus. Besides oil-firing represented 98% of the total output leaving a tiny 2% of hydro-power generation. As a result, the power production depended directly and exclusively on oil imports whereas lignite as primary potential was still unknown to the infantile power economy of those days.

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A comparison with the figure for 1950 reveals that the installed capacity of PPC stations is today 22 times higher (4,836,000 KW), the output 28 times greater (18,000 million KWH), the consumption 30 times higher (16,400 million KWH) and that from 71 KWH for 1950, the per capita yearly consumption has soared to 1,720 KWH.

Today Athens. Piracus and the entire District of Attiki represent only 36% of the total power sales instead of the 85% of those sales for 1950. Accordingly, from 14 KWH for 1950, the rural per capita consumption has climbed to 1,623 KWH giving the measure of the nationwide rationalization of the power service pattern.

By 1977 the PPC had practically accomplished its rural electrification programme which has been for years an important part of the power plans. Spreading over 9,800 towns, villages and sentlements the power networks are offering service to 98.9% of the entire population and carer to basic requirements of the This year the sales to industrial customers will absorb 9,200 million KWH or 56% of the total demand leaving 4,200 million KWH to the domestic market, 2,130 million to the commercial market and 250 million KWH to farming applications. Touching on the agricultural market, it is to be noted that by electrifying a large number of irrigation units this year, their total will rise to 61,500 units capable of irrigating 3.1 million stremmas of

Irrespective, however, of the above, the main feature of PPC's past, present and future policies, is the unceasing effort to strengthen national autonomy by developing for this purpose the domestic resources, i.e. the coalfields and the hydraulic potential.

In the above context, from a total dependence on oil imports tor 1950, the power primaries today consist of 70% from lignite and waterfilows and only 30% from imported oil. Planned progressive utilization of domestic resources until 1936 will further diminish the oil-firing share to 19% by the end of the

Yet an even greater cut of the oil shane is anticipated for the decade 1980-1990 by maximizing the utilization of coalfields, waterflows and possibly the available geothermal and natural gas resources. In parallel, nuclear power always remains a possible solution for the Greek power economy.

FINANCIAL DATA

The Public Power Corporation, as the sole producer, carrier and distributor of electrical energy in Greece, is today the commy's largest technical and financial organization. When the PPC was instituted in 1950 it had been financed by the Greek state with a founding capital of \$125 million. In 1975, the PPC's total assets amounted to \$2,308 million while at the end of 1976 to \$2,452 million.

The PPC's net fixed assets in 1975 were valued at \$1,989 million, in 1976 totalled \$3,637 million KWH in 1976 totalled 15,023 million KWH and are expected to rise to 16,400 million KWH in 1977.

Revenues from the sale of electric current in 1975 were the equivalent of \$419 million, in 1976 were the equivalent of \$553

THE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

The PPC's investments in production, transmission and distribution works in 1976 totalled \$297 million and are expected to amount to \$312 million in 1977.

Similar investments during the next five year period from 1977 to 1981 are expected to exceed a total of \$3,000 million.

ENERGY PROJECTS WORTH \$460 MILLION

A good indication of the dynamic policies of the PPC is the fact that this organization—which now employs 28,000 salaried personnel-bas launched one of the country's largest development projects worth \$460 million with the contracts signed in the space of three months, referred to above and concerning the new Prolemais South Field lignite mine, the two new steam-electric units for the Kardia station and the Pournari hydroelectric project -all of which are to be completed by 1981.

Another example of the PPC's dynamic quality is its credit standing in the international capital market, not only in cases where the financing is linked to specific contracts with foreign firms supplying materials or equipment or with contractors executing large electrification works in Greece, but also in the free and direct financing of its investment programme. Thus, on October 12, 1976, an agreement was signed in London for a direct loan to the PPC of \$75 million to cover part of the expenses of its energy investment programme in 1976. This loan was made by a group of banks headed by the Bankers Trust Company.

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Road haulage facing new year problems over new EEC rules

It was agreed that uncertainty and confusion existed in the road haulage industry over the delay by the EEC Commission of their decision on the way in which the drivers'

hours and distunces regulations would be implemented. Mr William Rodgers. Secretary of State Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford, C)

asked when the minister would announce the final details of the transitional arrangements for the implementation of drivers' hours and distances regulations.

Mr Rodgers (Teesside, Stockton, Lab)—As soon as I receive the decision of the EEC Commission. Mr Shepherd-There is considerable uncertainty and confusion at the delay. Will he recognize that in the generality of today's motor-ways and traffic routes the dis-tance of 450km is inadequate? Will he use his best endeavours to

har Rodgers—He refers to one aspect of this problem where there is no room for manoeuvre, but I agree about the uncertainty and confusion which exists. I wish we had had a firm indication before now of the stages for implementation and he may take it from me that I am doing my best to get a nrm reply soon.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat)—The Highlands area covers one sixth of the land mass of the United Kingdom and the rallway network is meagre. Implementation of EEC directives on distances will place an intolerable economic burden on the region. Mr Rodgers—I will bear that in

mind. It also applies to other parts of the United Kingdom and in discussing these matters in Erussels prior to the decision of October 27 I was aware of the importance of it. Mr. Nicholas Winterton (Maccles-ficid, C)—These regulations will face the haulage and passenger transport contractors with new in-flexible restrictions and extra conts will be forced on the industry and inevitably on the customer. What action is he taking?

Mr Rodgers-We succeeded

Mr Rodgers—We succeeded in Luxembourg in negotiating an agreement by which these drivers' hours regulations could be introduced over tiree years instead of having to implement them from January 1, 1978.

The industry takes the view that thin is a substantial gain. But we retognize it still depends on the final decisions of the Commission and beyond that on the ability of the industry to absorb the extra cost.

Mr Ronald Atkins (Preston, North, Lab)—The shorter hours and shorter distances would be as acceptable to British drivers as to those on the continent if the British drivers did not have such abysnally low basic wages and had to live, as they do, on overtime. Mr Rodgers—I wish I could endorse all he says. It is true that some drivers of heavy vehicles are paid badly and the firms concerned

should look to it. Mr Norman Fuwier, Opposition Mr Norman Fuwler, Opposition spokesman on transport (Sutton Coldfield, C)—The deadline on the distance regulations is January 1, 1978. Does he expect the road haulage industry to meet it?

As the fitting of tachographs is the only practical way to avoid the distance limits, many firms want to come to an agreement voluntarily with their staff. What help will the

of the impasse, I shall inform the industry as soon as I have the information required. The 450km limit is something we are obliged to take account of but there is scope because it allows for the carrying of two drivers.

Mr John Ellis (Brigg and Scuntuorpe, Lab) - Many drivers in the TGWU feel they are being sunjected to pressures as a way of twisting their arms to accept the tachograph. This is no way to achieve agreement. Since these regulations have the force of law in January and the details are not yet cleared up this is another example of EEC legislation. There should be no prosecutions until they are.

Mr Rodgers—We should all be rel-quively relaxed about the situation because there is no quick way around it. I take the points he Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)-

by expensively built motorway, and 263 miles from London via the old A30, which goes through many villages?

Mr Rodgers-I would besitate to Mr Rodgers—I would hesitate to give any advice to Cornish broccoli growers. (Laughter.) These are issues which will be sorted out by the iadustry. It has found itself possible to adapt to changes.

In the light of the fact that the industry has grown, is prosperous and has contributed substantially to Britain's economic strength, I think these problems will be solved in due course.

Mr Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster, C) later asked—Will he confirm that he will be introducing, as promised to the EEC, the tachograph as part of the implementation on drivers hours and distances from January 1? (Labour cry of "You must be joking".) Mr Rodgers-There are two sepa-

rate issues. One relates to the general obligation which lies upon the United Kingdom to Introduce the tachograph. I have explained what obstacles I see in moving in that direction at present.

The second is the somewhat dif-ferent provision relating to the use of the tachograph and journeys

over 450km.

The obligation is not then to carry a tachograph but to carry a tachograph but to carry a tachograph or a double crew. It is not quite as simple and not in the same category as the earlier matter which will be in force from January 1 Mr Norman Fowler-The employ

Mr Norman Fowler—The employment of two drivers as an alternative to the tachograph is simply going to push up costs and is an
unrealistic suggestion to put forward to the road haulage industry.
What help, if any, will the
Government give to help resolve
the clear difficulties there are with
the trade unions over the introducthe trade unions over the introduc tion on a voluntary basis of the tachograph, because the road hav-lage industry will have regarded his answers up to now as unsatisfactory?

Mr Rodgers-That remains to be mr kongers—that remains to be seen. I am in close touch with the road haulage industry. I have a meeting with them tomorrow after-noon, I am not sure they will take such a harsh line as Mr Fowler. It is not for me to make sugges-tions to the road haulage industry on what to do now on the racho-graph and the 450km limit. This is a question first of the law and negotiation for those parts of With their stair. What help will the Government give to help resolve those difficulties with the unions? There is a larger question of the longer-term future of the tachogain statement then we are to implement the regulations from January 1. It is not known how it the industry which are affected. There is a larger question of the longer-term future of the tachogain statement then we are to implement the regulations from January 1. It is not known how it

Conservative MPs demand inquiry into statements in letter from Czech defector

During the debate on the motion that the Commons should adjourn for its Christmas recess on Friday until January 9.

Mr Stephen Hastings (Mid Bedfordshire, C) said he was concerned at information provided by a Czechoslovak defector, Joseph Frolik, who was a intelligence officer in the intelligence service. He senior intelligence officer in the Czech intelligence service. He reached the United States in 1969 and would be best remembered for his spectacular assertion that Mr John Stonehouse was a Czech spy. He had certain evidence in his possession that suggested that in 1963 Frolik met Mr Ted Hill of the he was a secret communist. They became firm friends and they met a high-ranking Russian officer in the KGB. But when Froik sought permission to recruit Mr Hill, he was told from above: "Hands off that particular mare, he is being run from a stable pearby."

run from a stable nearby."

He then started to try to recruit Jack Jones but such things cost a lot of money and he was told to drop him. Later he concentrated on Mr Richard Briginshaw, now Lord Briginshaw, when he was general secretary of Natsopa. Frolik thought he had stuck lucky at last but his association with Mr Briginshaw was brought to an end, again on orders from above. again on orders from above.

again on orders from above.

Frolik was introduced to Mr
Ernest Roberts, the former general
secretary of the AEU and now
prospective Labour candidate for
Hackney North and Stoke Newingon.

A little while later Frolik was admonished and rold to keep away from Mr Roberts, with the order: "You can see him socially and that is all."

"You can see him socially and that is all."

He saw Mr Roberts at a party subsequently, and Mr Roberts allegedly told Frolik: "Joe, I know you are disappocuted in me. I knew what you wanted but I can be of no use to you personally but I have a friend who might be."

At another party Roberts asked Frolik to wait in an anteroom and he introduced him to a friend, It was Mr Hugh Scanlon.

I am (he said) repeating what a Czech defector said. Frolik is not alleging that any of the union leaders he names were spies. He says they were agents which he describes as secret cooperators with enemy intelligence services working either from couviction or under pressure for money. The agent's role is to push a policy in the interests of the socialist camp and against the interests of Britain. In the national interest of Britain. In the national interest of Britain. In the national interest this evidence should not be discounted without public examination. Per-

dence should not be discounted without public examination. Perhaps the medium for this examination would be a select committee, charged with duties comparable to a senate subcommittee.

able to a senate subcommittee. Trade union leaders should be warned of the consequences of fraternizing and imbibing too frequently with foreign communist so-called diplomats. They were virtually all intelligence officers under cover. As such they were under, directly or indirectly, KGB control, and engaged in subverting parliamentary democracy in Britain. Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said if they were to have this sort of fullscale inquiry of the kind Mr Hastings envisaged, it should be extended to include those MPs who had been on trips to Rhodesia from time to time and helped Mr lab Smith to continue with his resime.

regime. They wanted to know what Mrs Margaret Thatcher had been saying when she whispered in Tho's ear in Yugoslavia and for her to reveal what happened when she mer

Concern at

the House and make another statement setting the record straight? Many other questions would occur to MPs.

He was flown to London from the United States shortly after his defection, and spent some time in London being debriefed by the British country carrier. He had been rarious leaders in China. Mr Edward Heath should reveal what had been said to him on his travels and on the railways. I suggest what Mr Hastings was

rying to do (he confirmed) was not trying to get an inquiry going. He was after selling this book which apparently has not been selling awfully well. (Laughter.) Perhaps he should hire a train. There had been a report from the Department of Trade on the London and Counties, but this matter was never fully dealt with. The conclusion to be drawn from this was that Frolik was a man not

He wanted a wide-ranging oquiry. When MPs, particularly inquiry. When MPs, paracularly on the Opposition side, said there should be a more concentrated attack on where public money was spent, they had to ensure that all spent, they had to ensure that an the money was accounted for.

Mr Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington, C) said the amouncement of the amnesty for Hiegal immigrants had damaged the fragile race relations. The situation had detectionated accounted by the last race had deteriorated over the last year

Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrin-cham and Sale, C) said the reason the National Front had gained support in this country was that me people had no faith in any of the main political parties on the wexed question of immigration. They felt they had been let down by succes-

sive governments. He could see no kindness in allowing more and more people to come and live in overcrowded areas in the cities, with over-crowded schools and overcrowded housing. There was no point in trying to sweep this problem under the carpet.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Nor John Stokes (Halesower) and Stourbridge, C) Said they should also not adjourn without consider-ing the amnesty for illegal immi-grants and the problem caused by continuing immigration.

Outside this House (he said) many people are frightened to mention this subject in public, and even newspapers have to be extremely careful what they print. This almost total muzzling of opinion in England is something new and shieter in our history. England is something new and sinister in our history.
English families were being dispossessed by immigrants with no right of redress; house prices were failing in these areas; complete neighbourhoods changed and the world of old people was being turned upside down.

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C) said he supported Mr Hastings's request to the Government for a firm undertaking that the allegations by Joseph Froik would be fully and properly investigated after the Commons returned from the recess. from the recess.

He confirmed the account which

He confirmed the account which mr Hastings gave to the House. He had seen virtually all the documents and listened to the tapes from beginning to end. They were not talking about conjecture but hard, well documented allegations made by a defector who had been taken seriously by a number of governments. governments.

He believed the statement from Mr Frolik added a new dimension to the matter. It suggested that for whatever reason Sir Harold Wilson was wrong when he exonerated John Stonehouse.

John Stonehouse.

If Frolik was right in his statement there were some far-reaching implications to be drawn. Was it possible that Sir Harold Wilson made his statement on the basis of official advice which was later found to be inaccurate? If so, was Sir Harold Wilson told subsequently that that information was inaccurate?

If he was told, would it not have been right for him to come back to

inaccurate?

blight the happiness of hundreds of families this Christmas if some-thing was not done to give them ome reassurance. Hundreds enritled to the new

in doubt partly because their medi-

He had just received a letter from the chairman of Distillers in which he said that the company

had decided that in cases where

He welcomed these assurances from the Distillers Company and did not propose to press the issue in the House at the moment.

It is essential (the said) that we

Hundreds entitled to the new non-contributory pension for disabled housewives had applied this summer, filling in the necessary forms. They had to certify that they were continuously resident in Britain for 196 coasecutive days before their application.

Many had correctly stated that they had been on holiday overseas fer two or three weeks. As a result about 400 were now disqualified, at tish security service. He had been questioned again by the security service. He was questioned by the American intelligence service and investigated by a Senate commit-

about 400 vere now disqualified, at least temporarily, from receiving the benefit. The provision was normally intended to ensure that applicants were genuine residents and it was never intended that those who had been on holiday abroad should be disqualified. to be taken lightly.

We in the West (he said), and particularly we in Britain, have a lamentable, not to say holicrous, record in paying proper attention to the evidence of defectors. Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab) said there was still concern that a group of children—the so-called Y list—who were believed to have been damaged by Thalidomide but whose cases were in doubt nartis because their media.

Mr Francis Pym, chief Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs (Cambridgeshire, C) said the session had been dominated by the session had been dominated by three major constitutional Bills. Among the surprises had been Mr Foot's vote last night for proportional representation. Because of those Bills, there had not been time to debate major issues such as the shameful rate of unemplorment, housing, steel or the motor industry. He had asked the chairman of the Daskett the Charman of the Distillers Company if he would ensure that all these youngsters were given the benefit of a full medical examination and to meet him (Mr Ashley) to discuss these

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President Mr Michael Foot, Lord Freshem of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons (Ebbw Valc, Lab) said that this was not the proper time to raise those matters relating to security that had been raised because arrangements should have been made for the matter to be looked at earlier so that the ministers concerned could had decided that in cases where medical records were unavailable or incomplete the children were not excluded on that account.

He had also agreed to meet Mr Ashley personally to consider the current position and had also agreed that where the views of the experts had conflicted. Distillers were willing to refer them to Professor Lems, the first person to identify Thaildomide as the cause of deformities in Germany and one of the world's leading experts in this sphere.

He welcomed these assurances matter to be looked at earlier so that the ministers concerned could give an immediate reply if they itought it desirable or fatting.

Such matters, particularly when charges or accusations were made, should not have been raised as they were. The MPs concerned should send their information to the Home Secretary or other departments concerned and ministers could look at and comment on it.

The ammesty for illegal immi-grants concerned with civil liber-ties and the protection of the rights of the individual and it was on that basis that it should be looked at. The ammuncement of the ammesty would not add to the numbers who might come to Britain. Most who qualified would have been resident in the country have been resident in the country

in the House at the moment.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) said he agreed there was a need for a full inquiry into the allegations made by Frolik. Part of the truth turned upon the question of John Stonehouse and whether he was correct in his denials of having been an agent of Czech intelligence and whether Sir Harold Wilson was correct when he told the House there was no evidence that Stonehouse had been a member of Czech intelligence.

Pulling all the loose ends together, it was clear that the interrogation of Stonehouse at Number 10 was based on references made by Frolik.

These matters required investigation, and they required investigation, and they required to undertaking from Mr Foot that the Government would give immediate serious consideration to setting it up.

It is essential (the said) that was have been resident in the country for five years.

The judgment by the law lords that day on Grunwick could affect-not just Grunwick but many other parts of the country as well.

There was no doubt that something would have to be done about it. It was hoped that the judgment would not harm the work of Acas, which was of essential importance for good industrial relations.

But if the law was what the law for good industrial relations.
But if the law was what the law lords, as the highest court in the land said it was, then it would have to be changed and there was the possibility of dealing with the matter at a fairly early date.

He fully acknowledged that if it were seen that the criminal law was being used in libel on any new extensive scale the Government would have to act.

It is essential (the said) that we find our whether Mr Frolik was telling the truth and if he was, something must be done about it. Mr Jonathan Aitken (East Thanet C) said that the way the law of criminal libel was being operated had added a new terror to journalism and was a serious challenge to press freedom. extensive scale the Government would have to act.

On the subject raised by Mr Younger, he understood that 480 claims had been identified in which there was the question of absence abroad during the qualifying period. Arrangements were being made to deal with those aspects of the chaims which were not affected by regulation 4a. The decision in these cases was a matter for the pendent advantaged authorities and not care in which ministers or any MP could intervene.

The motion for the recess was agreed to. press freedom.

There was now no distinction between civil and criminal libel and that state of affairs could not continue. The law of criminal libel must be reformed as a matter of Mr George Younger (Ayr, C) said that a distressing anomaly had arisen under the National Assist-ance Acts which would affect and

European MPs upset by Commons decision about direct elections

European Parliament

Strasbourg Britain had chosen the most diffi-cult system for direct elections to the European Puritament and it must be hoped that the British Government would choose the interests of the Community rather than solutions for domestic policy. M Henri Simonet, Belgian Foreign M Hemri Simonet, Belgian Foreign
Minister, said in his last speech to
Parliament as the Current President of the Council of Ministers.
Opening a debate on the meeting
of the European Council on
December 5 and 6, he said the
British Government told that meeting that it was not in a position to
say whether elections could take
older in Max or June next year. say whether elections could take place in May or June next year. Since that time (he said) the first step has been taken, or let us say the first uncertain one has been taken. We now know how the elections will be organized. In

elections will be organized. In other words, we know that the most difficult system has been selected, if we want to organize elections approximately in May or June, 1978.

We must now hope that the British Government will be able to choose the interests of the Community rather than solutions concerning their domestic policy, and that it will be possible to organize elections in the course of organize elections in the course of 1978. I know you cannot work miracles, but when you are a member of a community that means you are prepared to accept the obligations which stem from

it.

It was important to have the elections at a date not too remote from the one which had been set. We hope the continued that the British Government will choose Community interests instead of legitimate, but domestic interests. Economic and monetary union remained the basis for building the Community. The Community could probably not face the extraordinary difficulties which would arise from economic crises without

ordinary difficulties which would arise from economic crises without some economic integration.

It was clear that there would be no solution for the Community unless there was a higher growth rate compared with this year and last year. Minimum growth could not save the Community. Only a high growth rate could do that.

The struggle against protectionist measures within and outside the Community would not be easy. Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Commission, said that the idea of economic and monetary union should be taken up afresh, redefined, and established as one of the primary objectives of the fined, and established as one of the primary objectives of the Community. No conventional or cyclical upswing was likely to solve the unemployment problem, with a figure of over six million. The labour force would increase by about nine million between now and 1985, and a major new stimulus would be needed to change the trends.

Left to itself, enlargement of the Left to itself, enlargement of the Community could lead to a weak-ening and loosening of it, but that need not be so. It should give the spur to move forward. The applicant countries had made it clear that they did not want to join the Community to weaken it. They wanted a stronger and more scherent community.

coherent community.

coherent community.

The Community represented the only group of countries capable of making a new and decisive contribution to world monetary stability.

I see (he said) no sensible way forward capable of meeting our needs in Europe and of engaging the imagination of our people, except through a new, practical and non-unopian impulse to the old

idees of economic and monetary union.

All Community institutions were extremely concerned about the size of the japanese balance of parments surplus and its effects on the world economy. The Japanese minister responsible for international economic affairs planned to go to Brussels for talks on Friday.

The Commission regarded the regional fund as an essential instrument for promoting balance in the economic development of the Community. It would become still more important in the future if the problems created by enlargement were to be met, and if the Community moved towards economic and monetary union. Community moved towards economic and monetary union.

Herr Egon Klepsch (Germany, C-D) said that Parliament had called on the Council to agree a date for direct elections, and the Council's meeting had been dismal.

The people of the Community were entitled to know when the first direct elections were going to take place. It was said that the Community was sticking to May or

take place. It was said that the Community was sticking to May or June for direct elections, but public opinion did not believe that any more, particularly in the light of the division in the Commons last night. He would say on behalf of his group that it was a birter disappointment. Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer (Nether-lands, L) said they could forget all

about the deadline for election because of the vote last night in the United Kingdom Parliament, is the United Kingdom Government said at the less Council meeting that it would do everything in ife that it would do everything in the power to respect its commitment then those promises must be kept.

I continue to expect that the Government will have to abide butts promise the saidt. My laberal colleagues are highly disappointed with my British celleagues that the Commons had laid down first-past.

I am aware that this is part and parcel of the toversignty of the British representation, our as a Liberal European I wish to state that this is an organi matter and since it concerns the position of the European Parliament we are disappointed that the House of Commons to maintaining this obser lete, ancient and unjustifed sys-tem which means that millions of votes will not be talid. Democracvotes will not be talled Democracyits government by consent, and its
its system the consent of millions
of voters is not taken into account.
The British Government was
pediged to abide by the detailing,
so surely it would be necessary for
the European Parliament to ask
the Council to implement it. He
would table a more of to be voted
on tomocrow for setting a period
In which the elections should be
held. That would mean that the held. That would mean that the matter would not be postponed indefinitely. Perhanent could in back and wait or decide to compet national narliaments to obide by national cartifations to colde by the deadline set by the Council.

The United Kingdom Givernment had undertaken to abide by the deadline. Where there was a will there was a way, and if the political will we present in the United Kingdom the thing must be noted by

possible.

The Council must be disected to stick to the deadline. M Affred Bertrand (Ecigoum, C-D) said the decision by the Commons meant that another date must be set for the elections.

Mr Schelto Patijn Netherlands, Soc) said that the fact that 196 Conservative Mr's voted in the Commons for the first-part-thepost system last night showed that they were in favour of something that would take months to pur into effect. The Conservatives said they were the Europeans, but the Conservative and Labour parties shared equal blame for deiay.

He supported Mr Berkhouwer in saving that the Council should set a date for elections. Even if the chosen system for the United Kingdom were to take longer, there were so many pressures at a European level that a date was meritable. The procrastination could not go on.

Mr Tam Dalyeli (West Lothian, Mr Scheito Patijn Netherlands,

Mr Tam Dalyeli (West Lothian, Lab) said there was an impression in Britain that perhaps other ruembers of the Community were not too sorry that direct electrons were being postponed because of the action of the Commons. They was an impression that some of Britain's European partners, or their heads of government, were clanicistically not bothered some direct elections, Britain might or made out to be the accountribudile other heads of government would be pleased to find that they did not have to face direct elections in 1978.

Mr James Spicer (We't Dorset, C) said that Mr Patijn had taken the well-worn theory that attack was the best form of defence. The record of the Conservative Party, and that of the Conservative group is the Eugeneral Publishers. in the European Parliament, was a proud one. Last night in the Commons 11 out of the 12 members of their group had voted. It was discourteous for MPs in the European Parliament to ia-

me European rariament to in-quire too deepty into Britain's national system and how it worked. There was an overwhelm-ing majority in the Commons to-direct elections making place on

M Simonet, replying, said that it was not for him to hand out certificates of good or bad European behaviour. behaviour.

I have my opinion (he suid) about what happened in the Commons. On my analysis of British policy in the past few months on elections, it would be undesirable for me to give my opinion publicly. He did not think that the foreign ministers could take a decision at their next meeting because the Bri-tish Government had requested that no decision should be taken before January. Governments might, through their permanent representatives, request that the Council should set a final date at their January meeting. If the elections could not be teld

If the ejections could not be using May or October next then a date should be set once and for all so that, even with the most unfavourable hypothesis of elections in 1979, everyone would know when the elections would take place.

Design life of some motorways ending

A suggestion that the construction standard of some motorways was now seen to have been substandard was denied by Mr John Horam. Under Secretary for Transport (Gateshead, West, Lab).

Mr Horam—I do not think any were built to substandard levels. The design life of motorways built in the 1960s is approaching an end. as in the case of the Midlands. There is a standing committee on interpretable participance which care. Under Secretary for Transport (Gateshead, West, Lab).

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar. C) had asked if the Secretary of State for Transport was satisfied with the standard of montenance on motorways.

take careful note of what it says.

Mr Edwin Wainwright (Deurne Valley, Lab).—The MI to the Birminglam turning seems to require more maintenance than any other stretch. Is he satisfied that the base was good when it was laid and that its quality was right?

Is he satisfied about its maintenance, because too often two lanes are out of use and that causes congestion.

Mr Horzm—I realize that people maintenance on motorways. Mr Horam—Yes, within the resources available. Mr McCrindle—Is it not becoming Mr McCrindle—18 if not becoming clear that the standard of construction of some motorways, particulty in the vital Midlands area. Is ow seen to have been in some way ubstandard? Unless extensive ubstandard? Unless excusive pairs and maintenance are carted out, this could have an effect in the total motorway system.

Will the minister resist any complacency and make sure that he continues to be satisfied with the

Parliamentary notices House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Motion on Rate Sup-port Grant Order. Social Security (Contributions, re-rating) Order, Diocoses Church of England Measure. House of Lords

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Southwell Minster

£215,766, towards the target of £365.000.

do not endanger the future.

The Trustees and Appeal Committee of the Southwell Cathedral Preservation Trust acknowledge with gratitude the generous support of those who, in the first eight months

of the Appeal, have contributed to the Preservation Fund.

The total amount raised to 9th December, 1977 was

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Donations will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer. The Southwell Cathedral Preservation Trust, Trebeck Hall, Bishop's Orive, Southwell, Notts NG25 0JP.

to them cordial good wishes for Christmas and the New

Heavy lorries

Mr John Horam, Under Secretary for Transport, in a written reply, said: The extent to which heavy goods vehicles are involed in fatal accidents has been falling steadily over recent years. In order to rein force this trend, we hope to intro duce chortly preposals for legisla-tion which will strengthen the con-trol of overleading and bad main-

highways maintenance which carefully monitors the situation. We take careful note of what it says.

Mr Boram-I realize that people are concerned about motorways being repaired because it can lead to concession and accidents. We must be concerned. In many areas,

motorways are approaching the end of their design life.

of trade in horsemeat House of Lords

increase

There were many stories of over-crowding and of injury and death to horses on the way to slaughter. Lord Houghton of Sowerby said when he opened a debate on the growing volume of horsemeat trade with EEC countries and the anacceptable aspects of treating borses as food animals.

Are horses (he asked) being bred for slaughter and foals being produced for a continental delicacy which I have heard described an foal real 2

There was a need for legislation to deal comprehensively with horses and their welfare and a need to look shead as quickly as possible.

Lord O'Hagan, for the Opposition, said he understood from a Ministry of Agriculture memoraculum that the Government considered that the four Acts concerned with the welfare of horses and ponies to be sufficient, but were they being enforced sufficiently thoroughly?

enforced sufficiently thoroughly?

Purt of the reason this trade was olucrative was the shortage of horses on the Continent. Partly it was due to the decking in the value of the pound. Unless the pound continued to decline at the speed of recent years there was no reason to believe that the increase in the volume of the trade would continue in the proportion it had increased in recent years.

Viscount Macroscope and Ferrage

Viscount Massereene and Ferrard (C), president of Ponies of Britain, said he had seen cases of great cruelty at horse auctions. He could not see why there should be auctions for horses which were to be slaughtered. They could go straight to the abottour and get a guaranteed price a hundredweight according to their grade as with cattle and sheep.

Lord Strabolgi, Captain, Yeomen of the Guard, said it would not be right to suggest that ponies were deliberately reared as food and mais. Over-supply resulted from the natural increase in the pony population on Dartmoor, in the New Forest, and in the Welsh mountains. There was no recreational demand for many of the animals offered for sale. All laws were broken from time

All laws were orowen from time to time and anyone anxious to protect horses' welfare could report infringements immediately to police or the local authority. Slaughterhouses approved to produce horsemeat for export to EEC countries must comply with regulations under national legislation and meet stringent hygiene standards laid down by EEC legislation on intro-Community trade in fresh meat.

They were visited by veterinary officers of the Minintry of Agriculture 100, and there were only four such premises in England and Wates.

puties were being slaughtered to provide meat for continental res-tourants tended to cause people to arsume that horses were actually expurred for slaughter. This was not so. Regulations prevented it. House adjourned, 7.56 pm.

Road v rail unions in carriage of goods

urgency.

Allegations had been made by British Rail and in the press that the good offices to encourage the trade Transport and General Workers' union leaders involved to get together and thrash out this matter in the interests of integrated transport? Wilson (Newbury, C) said. It had also been alleged that they used the same methods to negative the use of the Didcot distribution use of the Didcot distribution centre.

Mr Rodgers—There is no need for a positive intervention by me. Both trade unions at the most senior level are aware of the need to get together and try to solve it.

the same memons to negative the use of the Didoct distribution level are aware of the used to get together and try to solve it. Mr McNair-Wilson asked whether the Secretary of State for Transport would raise this with Mr Jack Jones, General Secretary of the CDWU.

Mr William Rodgers said be expected to meet some of the leaders of the transport unions tomorrow.

He added: I would not want to comment on confidential discussions I have from time to time on an informal basis. Clearly this indicates the sort of problem bound to arise from time to time in circumstances when men are competing for jobs of which there are noted.

Mr Gordon Bagier (Sunderland, South, Lab)—Blacking is a bit bad—(Conservative laughter)—but (Laughter.)

Statement soon on cherished number plates The Secretary of State for Trans-

port (Mr William Rodgers) is to make a statement on the review of the working of the new system in relation to chemished numbers after the recess, Mr John Horam, Under-Secretary for Transport,

Mr Andrew Mackay (Birmingham, Stechford, C)—Many people are concerned that the cherished numbers might not survive. This is a harmless but eccentric practice which might even make a reasonable profit for the authorities if it continues. reasonable profit ro tles if it continues. Mr Horam-It will survive and we are hoping to make a small profit out of it.

out of it.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C)—If they survive, will he make sure they are not reduced by overt or covert Government pressure or pressure from Swanses. Will he have a word with the nationalized industry chairmen who love to drive around with large cars with NCB 1 or TWA 1 on them? Mr Horano—Perhaps he will take that up with them.

Minister optimistic about future of forestry industry

The United Kingdom was virtually the least afforested nation in Europe with only 8 per cent of its land surface under trees, Lord Taylor of Gryfe (Lab) said in opening a debate on the state of the forestry industry.

Lord Taylor, who until 18 months ago was chairman of the Forestry Commission and is now chairman of a forestry company, said he hoped the House would accept three propositions. The first was that an expansionist forestry policy was a good thing for Britain, the second was that since forestry investment was long-term confidence and continuity of policy could only come from all-party commitment, and the third was that private and state forestry should work together in a healthy partnership which accepted that both sectors had a role to play in achieving the first

lot of correspondence in The Times in regard to replanting but which was so far beyond human control. Yet at the same time millions of young trees died unplanted in nurseries as a result of manmade decisions, when they should be cladding the hills. Earl Ferrers, for the Opposition,

said forestry was important to spinner and a job producer. It also conserved and promoted Britain's heritage and environment. It affected everyone as did its prosperity. But Britain spent over \$2.000m on amber and thuber product imports, nearly a third of the amount spent on United Kingdom defence.

Lord Mackie of Benshie (L) said a great many farmers were still strongly and tree. There was a need for arable land, but most role to play in achieving the first objective.

They got excited about Dutch trees and hedges. A lot of education was required in the highlands, access to woodlands was not Lord Peart, Lord Privy Seal and

The Earl of Bradford (C) said his acquisition in 1952 of a small estate in the Highlands presented him with a wonderful opportunity for the integration of hill farming and forestry, but he had been hit by plague, pests, frost damage, and fire and the outlook was gloomy. After 25 years of work he could see no hope of recovering his costs and his son would have to fell to repay the debt to the bank and to meet the capital transfer tax. All the assets that had been built up would be destroyed.

hills, and lowlands on the integration of forestry with agriculture.
Viscount Hampden, in a maiden speech, said he lived under the Downs in East Sussex where the beauty of the landscape was largely degendent on the elm. Fortunately there were schemes for replacing there were schemes for replacing lost trees and perhaps the Government could do more to keep down rodents.

always practicable, but where it was those woods should be exempted from capital tractfer tax. Lord Burton said owners had been told in the past how profinable it wanted to fell some trees they were told there was a timber recession which stemed interminable, The Earl of Perth (Ind) said some The Earl of Perth (Ind) said some

> Earl Bathurst (C) said it was maintained that there would be a timber shortage so they must have a policy to get over that.

> Lord Dulverton (C) said that step by step the Government had made a number of alterations to the capital transfer tax rules in ways that were of practical application to forestry. The rules needed to be amended further and private for-estry would not quickly regain, if it ever did, the lost momentum.

Leader of the House. State both private and public sector for estry had an important part to play in the economy of the country. British forestry was firmly based and could look forward to the future with optimism. He felt personally that points rulsed on taxation should be consi-dered by the Government and be would make the necessary repre-

sentations. Prophets of doom were likely to prophets of doom were many be proved wrong about forestry's future because of the resilience of the industr-

The Forestry Commission were studying future planting prospects in England and Wales and training to form an estimate of the projection of land which might be trace ferred to forestry in future years-in Scotland the Commission had made an assessment of the hird technically suitable for planting.

Peer protests at increasing restrictions on dogs

Opening a debate on the increasing prohibition by local authorities of dogs with owners on the grounds of risk to public health he said there were no facts to support such grounds. One had to reduce the possibility of passing on infection from one particular worm, the biggest menace, to children and nobody would object to dogs being banned from any playgrounds where children had a right and a priority.

used every chance to denigrate their value. But dogs were useful at work and as companions. They

The banning of dogs from parks and open spaces while they were being exercised by their owners, who made up a third of the population, seemed a gross interference with the freedom of the individual.

Lord de Clifford (C) said.

Opening a debate on the increasing prohibition by local authorities and sales pressure on the community had been high.

protected the elderly living alone.

All dog owners must realize that the dog population had got completely out of control. There had been over-breeding of dogs for many years. Production of dogs had become a commercial business and sales pressure on the community had been high.

They could not do without dogs but had to ensure that elementary precautions were taken so that people were not exposed to health hazards. Those who liked dogs had to concentrate on conveying to everyone that the main source of infection was the suckling bitch.

There must be regular worming of dogs. Once that was done the reduction in the risk would be enormous.

licence fee.
Lord Mowbray and Stourton, for
the Opposition, said he would like
to see the byelaws greatly strengthened and more action taken over
the handreds of dogs, many with
good homes, which were allowed
to roam the streets unaccompanied
and therefore subject to no control. There should be a higher
licence fee to discourage the irregood homes, which were allowed to roam the streets unaccompanied and therefore subject to no control. There should be a higher licence fee to discourage the aresponsible owner who casualty, without thinking, took on a dog.

It was worth considering whether the police and traffic wardens could be encouraged to report cases of owners who let their dogs unsbehave without try.

anthorities wild simply wish to give the public a Choice nervices those areas where they could go to be free of dogs and those where animals. Lord Somers (Ind) said local auth-

licence fee represented the total of dog owners throughout the country. It might be that dogs should carry some evidence that they had been legitimated by the payment on their behalf of the licence fee.

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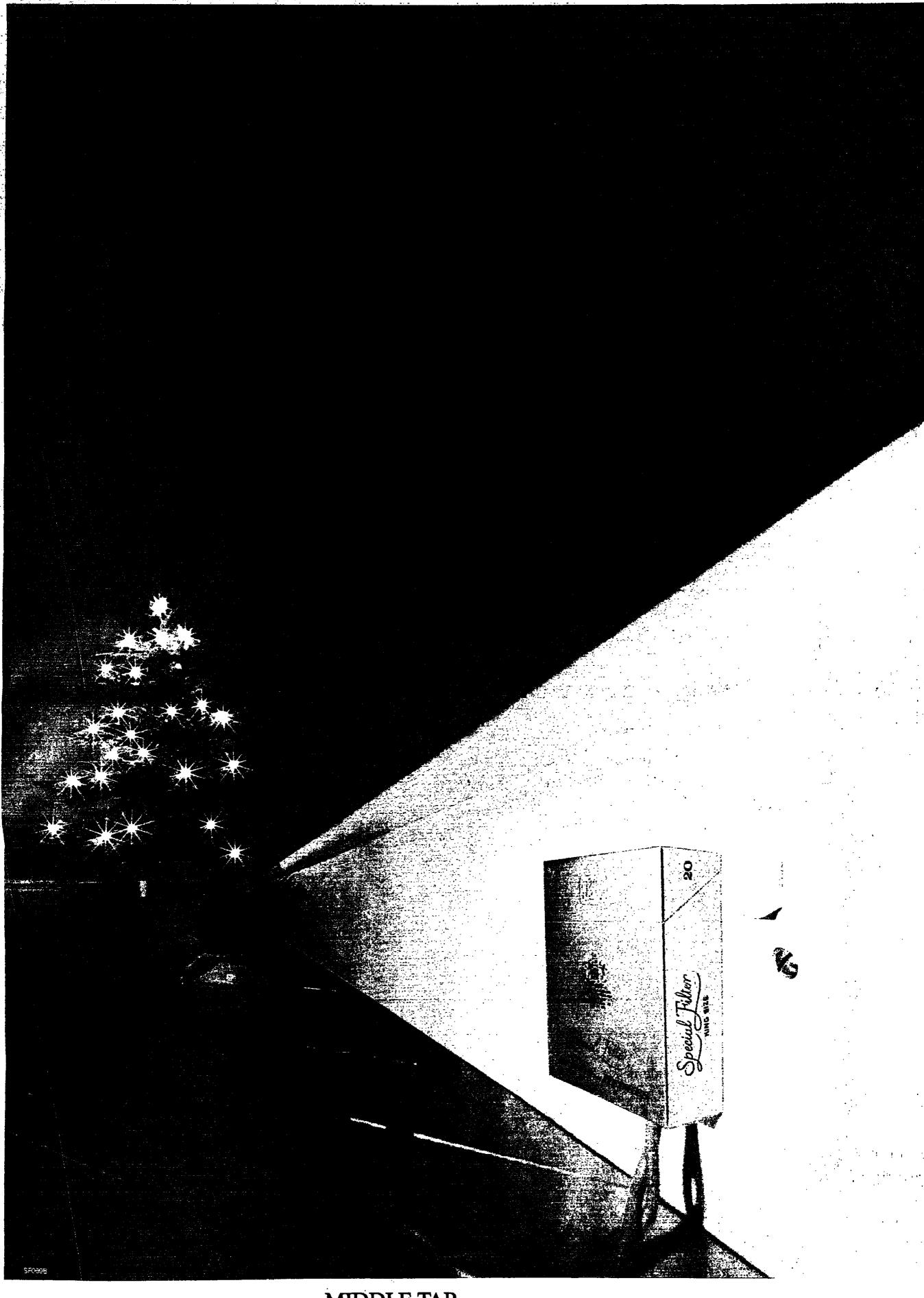
The Hume Secretary had to be convinced of very special circum-stances before he would allow a complete ban on dogs in a 1928. compare ban on dogs in a 1925. He was the confirming authority for local authority byshws.

The answer to the problem must like in prevention of footing and other misunces where it is total do most harm, while resisting the freedom of most parks for everyone, dog layers and dog taxers alike. alike.
The debate was concluded.

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THE TIMES



MIDDLE TAR As defined by H.M. Government
H.M. Government Health Departments' WARNING:
CIGARETTES CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH

Andrei Sakharov argues that savagery can beget only savagery

This is an extract from a harov to the Amnesty Inter- future realization.

Bational Conference held in I consider that the essential national Conference held in Stockholm on December 10 and

I regard the death penalty as a savage and immoral institution which undermines the moral and legal foundations of a society. A state, in the person of its functionaries, who like all people are inclined to making superficial conclusions, of my grandtather I. N. San-who like all people are subject harov in 1906-1907 during the superficial conclusions, to influences, connexions, pre-judices and egocentric motiva 1905 revolution (Sytin Publions for their behaviour, takes lishers). I know the impas-upon itself the right to the sioned statements of the writ-most terrible and irreversible ers Lev Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky,

I deny that the death penalty is practically necessary or effective as a means of defending society. The tempor-ary isolation of offenders which may be necessary in some cases must be achieved by more hyperge and more some cases must be achieved by more humane and more flexible measures which can be amended in the event of judicial error or changes in society or in the personality of the offender.

Of pumps the personal to exist. Like them has ceased to exist and the has ceased

as a whole and each of its crime. There are no simple. solutions for reducing and eliminating crime and in any event the death penalty provides no answer. The reduction of crime and even its full elimination can be achieved in the future only though prolonged. future only through prolonged evolution of society, a general humanistic ascent instilling in people a deep respect for life people a deep respect for life and human reason and greater and savagery. This does not attentiveness to the difficulties and problems of one's neighbour. So humane a society is rorism, often accompanied by the death of uniquelyed new the death of uniquelyed new the death of uniquelyed new tensions.

humaneness today can create message sent by Andrei Sak- hope for the possibility of its

importance of the full abolition of the death penalty justifies looking away from those objections by advocates of its retention which are based on fragmentary exceptional circumstances.

While still a child I read with shuddering the distinguished anthology Aganst the Death Penalty published in Russia with the participation most terrible and irreversible act—the deprivation of life. Such a state cannot expect an improvement of the moral atmosphere in its country. I reject the notion that the ricath penalty has any essential offenders. I am convinced that the contrary is true—that sava gery begets only savagery.

I deny that the death ers Lev Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, psychological horror the death penalty is not commensurate with the majority of crimes and that it is never a just retri-bution or punishment. And indeed there can be no ouestion of punishment of a person who has ceased to exist. Like them I believe that the death penalty has no moral or practical justification and represents

calculated revenge, with no personal danger for the execumembers individually, not just tioners, with no temporary in-the person who comes before sanity on the part of the the courts, bear a responsibility for the occurrence of a and disjusting. I pause briefly on the cur-

rently widely discussed subject of terrorism. I consider that the death penalty is totally ineffective for the struggle with terrorism and other political crimes committed with fanatical motives. In such cases the catalyst for a more massive psy-



the scene, by the taking of hostages including children and by other dreadful crimes. However I am convinced that prison confinement, possibly under laws which would in cases indicated by the court forbid release ahead of sentence, is a more rational means of physical and psychological isolation of terrorists for the prevention of further acts of

The abolition of the death penalty is especially important penalty is assigned to many in such a country as ours, with crimes which in no way in-

put on trial again and in viola- review of his case. tion of the most elementary judicial principle they were retroactively

criminal cases. Although I cannot check out these cases in every concrete instance, taken altogether they create an irrefutable and terrible picture of illegality and injustice, of superficial and prejudiced investigation, of the impossibility of obtaining review of clearly mistaken or debious verdicts, of hearings during police ouesof beatings during police ques-

tioning.
Some of these cases involve death sentences. Here is one such case. I have before me a copy of she court verdict in the case of Rafkat Shaimukha-medov, documents on his case

Many will remember, for lity a Tatar: was sentenced to example, the case of Rokotov be shot. He had been convicted of murdering a female shop charged in 1961 with underground trade in valuables and illegal currency operations. In the time when these two had illegal currency operations. In the time when these two had already been sentenced to sentenced to sentenced to sentenced to sentenced to imprisonment.) Shaimukhame-dov denied his guilt, refused to ask for pardon and declared a adopted a law which provided the death penalty for major months in the death cell property crimes. They were expecting either execution or a sentence of his case. Throughout this time his

mother and lawyers submitted dozens of complaints, but all higher instances sent them Subsequently many others back without any examination were sentenced to death under of the matter. In January this and similar laws, espe- 1976, the sentence was carried cially for private entre out with the sanction of the

cially for private entrepreneurial activity, the organization of cartels, etc.

The total number of executions in the USSR is not known—these facts are officially secret—but there are grounds to suppose that it now comprises several hundred persons a year—that is, more than in most other countries where this barbaric institution still exists. There are also other features of our contemporary features of our contemporary reality which are relevant to the matter under discussion. I mean the grievously low cultural and moral level of our present criminal procedure, its subservience to the state and frequently its corruption, accessibility to bribes and dependence on local "leadership".

I receive a great many letmother's letters. The convicted person's presence at the scene of the crime was not proved. The court ignored the contradictory versions of the accuration, the testimony of witnesses and the facts of the expert examination (according to which the victim's blood group did not match that of a spot of blood found on Shaimukhamedov's clothing). The I receive a great many let- mother's letters state that the ters from persons convicted in reason for this bias was the criminal cases. Although I can-selfish material interest of two verify these reports, but to m

the main thing is clear: with what ease and absence of argument the death penalty was passed, and how easily so terrible a case becomes routine.

I have dwelt on this case in detail because it seems to me that it clearly reflects the complete horzer of the death prepared by lawyers, letters by that it clearly reflects the com-his mother. On May 31, 1774, plete horror of the death in Issyk-Kule Shaimukhame-dov, a worker and by nationa-diffect on society.

It's all in the hands of the receiver

Some cross letters have been reaching me about the changes we are to make next November in the transmission of radio networks, more particularly the move of Radio 4 from medium to long wave.

People feel strongly about radio. About half the population listen to it at some or other owner days over a

or other every day—over a longer period the audience in-cludes almost the entire population of the United Kingdom
—so the strength of this feel-

ing is understandable.

What I have to say in explanation of and justification for the changes is in the know-ledge that they will inconvenience and perhaps annoy a lot of listeners. I heartily wish it

We are changing the long and medium wavelengths of our national networks for two main reasons: to protect them as far as possible from foreign interference, and to allow some improvement in coverage and re-ception. The VHF transmission of all our services will remain

the same. However, as a result of the increased power and number of radio stations that will be operating in Europe after November 1978 we can expect much greater interference, particu-larly after dark. If Radio 3, for example, remained on its present wavelength, it would have its night-time coverage reduced to only about 20 per cent of the population. Moving it to smother medium wave, 1215kHz /247m, at present used by Radio 1, will protect it from some of this interference.

this interference. We know that a high propor-tion of Radio 3 listeners in the evening already use VHF, which evening already use VHF, which can be received almost everywhere. The two new medium wavelengths allocated to Radio 1 (1089kHz/275m and 1053kHz/285m) will give it better coverage, and we have made this change because Radio 1 has no VHF frequency.

Radio 2, which moves from long wave to two medium wave

long wave to two medium wave channels (693kHz/433m and 909kHz/330m), will be available throughout the United Kingdom; in the daytime reception in many places will be better than from the present long wave service. After dark recep-

wave service. After dark reception in some areas may be affected by interference, so my advice is to use VHF whenever possible.
Radio 4 moves to two long waves: 200kHz/1500m and 227kHz/1322m. It will be easy to receive anywhere and will become a truly United Kingdom service for the first time. Listeners in Scotland. Wales and Northern Ireland will continue to receive their own and Northern Ireland will continue to receive their own matinal services on medium wave; they will therefore be free to develop without depriving listeners in those countries of anything on the basic Radio 4 United Kingdom service. In the same way some medium wave transmission of Radio 4 will continue in Devon and Cornwell.

Cornwall.
The majority of listeners will need only to tune to a new point on the died on the morning of Thursday, November 23, 1978. Most are already equipped receive the wavelengths we shall be using in the future. Eighteen million licence reminders delivered to homes

before next November will

include a leaflet setting out the new wavelengths and fre-

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nevertneless, because the pattern of areas of good coverage for each service mill change and interference in some areas will increase, some listeners may find themselves in difficulties. It is these listeners who concern us. Radio 3's medium wate ervice after November will be subject to more intereference. So Radio 3 listeners should be prepared 3 listeners should be prepared to tune to VHF. The will apply

to tune to VHF. In will apply
to Radio 2 listeners in some
areas after dark.

Many of the Radio 4 audience
in England now listen on medium ware. Next November they
must switch to long wave or to
VHF. On VHF, however, the service include educational broadcasting as an alternative to some Radio programmes at present on medium wave. Our concern for some Radio 4 listeners arise from the know-ledge that in 1975 there were many radio sets in the country without a long wave band—just under five million out of a total of 38 million in fact—and some of those set did not have VHF

But we also know that most households own more than one set, so the number of households containing Radio 4 listeners vithout a long wave or VHF facility is much less than five million. Nevertheless, we do not want to deprive a single listener of any of our services.

There is no single transmission system on any wavelength or frequency that can guarantee a 180 per cent coverage free from interference throughout the country on every radio set. Many radios are portable and a set which receives one of our networks satisfactorily in one place may be unable to receive it on the same wavelength in another, not only because of foreign interference but because of local geography or lucalized interference.

That is why the best general advice we can give for the future—and it is equally true? now—is that a receiver having long, medium and VHF bands will provide the full service from BBC Radio.

will be able to choose the bes reception for any locality from two Radio 1 medium waves and a partial VHF service; two medium waves and a VIII service from Radio 2; two loss waves and a VIII service from Radio 4; and one mediate wave and a VIII service from Radio 3. In the national regists Radio Scotland, Radio Wals! Radio Cymru and Radio Ulter will continue on medium ave will continue on medium sive

and VHF.
We are to spend 13m on installing a large number of systems. As a result the creat majority will find that the can still receive their chosed BBC radio service just as vill as before, and in many cases

We believe that the new arrangement will provide for the best possible coverage for all our services, taking into-account the technical facts of life and the needs of listeners throughout the UnitedKingdom.

Howard Newby The author is managing director.

Ronald Butt

bureaucracy and its widespread contempt for law end moral values. You know of the

values. You know of the decades of mass executions of innocent people which were carried out without any sembalance of justice (while still more people perished without any court judgment at all). We are still living in the moral atmosphere created in that era-

I wish especially to draw

your attention to the fact that in the Soviet Union the death

The shades of grey in the race argument

The furore over the Labour Party's broadcast on the National Front has remarkened in my mind some thoughts on the question of immigration and race that were stimulated by a recent BBC television pro-gramme (Everyman) whose subject

was Bishoo Trevor Huddleston. was bishop a revor hundleston.

To the Bishop, as to many other people who are actively concerned with race relations, the matter seemed a simple one of good and evil on different sides of a pretty clear cut arsument. Yet there are I suspect, many more who have a Christian or a Christian-derived morality, and for whom there can never by any question of a chosen race, or or an innately superior folk, but who, revermeless, find the metter by no treams so simple in their

consciences.
Though "race" was never defined in this broadcast, it was clear that. for Bisben Huddleston, to take the correct parition about race is almost the ultimate test of virtue, and even of religious truth. Race, he said, was or resignous truen, water, he said, was "file one single issue that matters most." It is "the one thing that matters to the coming generations". Repeatedly he said it in slightly different words. "I have spent my working life on this theme of race." At the and one was about 10ft and At the end, one was almost left with the reeling that to him, Christianity has come to be about almost only

one thing race.
For him, moreover, the argument also plainty transcends any other political and social considerations. The ultimate test of a political party's rectitude was, it seemed, to be judged primarily in terms of race, and all other political questions seemed subordinate to it.

Thus he began by stating his agreement with the position of the far left, including the Communist Party, on race. Though he said that this did not mean that he agreed with the Communist Party on everything one was left with the impression that other matters to him were of small comporative importance. He attacked, with considerable bitterness, both the Labour and Conscrively parties for their attitude to immigration. Their motives, he said without elaboration, was votes.

thought was justified. Of course, politicians sometimes buy votes ignobly by false prospectuses. Yet in a democracy, the business of a political party is, as best it can, and within the consciences of those who offer themselves as politicians, to respond to the wishes of the majority

of the people. But apart from the question of the politicians' responses to the electorate, what about "race" itself—the "one single issue that matters most?" To express it in such terms is surely to look at the question rather as the National Front itself does—obsessively, although, of course, from the obverse side.

But what does race meen to the average decent citizen who, accepting the essential unity of mankind. and understanding his moved obliga-tion to people of all "races", never-theless has a special sense of belong-ing to his own people, and wants to live with them?

For many who do not think them-selves cut off from Christian marel-ity, there is, for instance, a question which perhaps does not trouble Bishop Huddleston: what rights Bishop Huddleston: what rights is should be allowed to a civilized people who wish to preserve what

they see as their identity by placing restrictions on people from other cultures and nations who wish to come to their country to work?

This is not a problem confined to blacks, whites and browns. In many Welsh valleys, there is resentment when too many English settle there, and we are not usually called fascists if we express some sympathy with this. And it is caused not primarily because the English settlers drive up the price of property or take jobs, is because the new arrivals change the essential communal and cultural nature of the place. It is surely this, and not primarily fears about jobs and houses, that is at the root of the growing native resentment in many English cities about immigration.

Prejudice, or to use a less hostile word, preference for one's own community exists for probably most people anyway, regardless of jobs and housing. We may not think it ought to be so in a perfect world. But it is as real as the preference for one's own family, which can also present a moral problem when it conflicts with wider obligations, though I do not think that anyone (except those who want the dominance of the state) would argue that the special ties of the family are wrong on that

account.

How far, then, is the very idea of nationhood or "race", the sense of kindred based on history, language, culture and physical similarity (not to mention the indefinable nuances of shared tradition and mutual understanding) morally warns? standing) morally wrong?
Of course, race cannot be defined and of course it can lead to evil, as it has in South Africa. Bishop Huddle-ston's position has, indeed, to be

understood in the context of his long and brave concern about the attitude of one race to another which began

But to understand the Bishop's motivation is not necessarily to agree with his method of expressing it. This is dangerous because it palpably has so much anger in it, and anger is dangerously communicative. When, for instance, the Bishop of Southwark goes marching in righteous anger on this issue, he risks arousing anger that is not so righteous in the minds of people who are not evil but who feel that their position is simply misunderstood and defied. The danger is that these people will be driven into the ranks of those the Bishops fear

Perhaps, in an ideal world, there would be no narrow loyalties to fam-ily, tribe or nation. Yet the world in which we live in is built on these which we live in is built on these loyalties, and on the natural instinct of most people for the closer and more individual loyalty, rather than that which is distant, abstract or

We need such loyalties because it is easier to love what we know well and understand. The easy shorthand of social exchange, where manners and jokes are shared; where offence is neither easily given nor taken, is important to the life of any commu-nity. In many of our cities this easy sense of understanding has gone, and joking is a wary business because it carries the risk of misunderstanding. To very many people, these are the

real problems. They do not feel them-selves consumed by race hatred, but only unjustly censured by those who do not understand their feelings and whose policies have created the prob-lem they have to live with. Of course,

evil can result from their anxieties. yet it seems to me hard, in a world in which we have the horrors of Cambodia and Uganda, and Communist mental prisons, to conclude that "race" is the "single" thing that matters most, or to assume that evil is all on one side of the argument.

Which brings me back to the Labour Party's broadcast on the National Front. The danger is not simply that this sort of exercise gives the National Front free publicity, in the daytime reception in many places will be better will help that body or hinder it. The trouble is rather that many people who have voted National Front, or who have voted National Front, or who toy out of a kind of desperation with doing so, may feel that since this malignant cap is intended to fit them, they might as well put it on. They are neither racialists nor fascists. They are people who may ask what kind of patriotism they are near allowed and warden who kind. now allowed, and wonder what kind of justice it is that brushes aside

their misgivings so contemptuously by regarding them as no more than morouse fodder for the National Front. To these questions there are no quick and easy solutions. To the extent that the answer lies in morals rether than politics, it must surely depend chiefly on preaching general moral attitudes that promote values

moral attitudes that promote values transcending questions of race.

The answer cannot be to so relish righteous anger against the National Front, that the need for understanding the instincts of those whom they cajole with evil are dismissed as irrelevant. It ill behoves those in the political parties, or the church, who have led so many people into so much temptation, to seem to damn them, without understanding, when they fail to resist it.

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Britain's most famous marmalade. Thick, rich, chunkily chewable. Dark with the unmistakeable aroma of Seville oranges. From Oxford it was carried around the world to the Antarctic, the Americas, even Everest itself And became a part of the great tradition of the Brifish breakfast.

FRANK COOPER

makes the marmalade that makes the British breakfast.

A voice crying in the wilderness

It was almost a case of the voice crying in the wilderness when Sir Roger Falk, first and last director general of the liquidated British Export Trade Research Organization, wrote to this newspaper in August to bestow praise on the most recent opus from Sir Kenneth Berrill's "think tank".

This, you will remember, dealt with Britain's overseas representation and it would be generally ill-received. Sir Roger (in consequence) (in consequence) became rather the odd man out—although a "hero in the eves of the think rank", as he himself puts it—but it was nevertheless largely on the strength of his praise that MPs on the Commons expenditure commit-tee, now deliberating on the Central Policy Review Staff Report, invited him to go along on Tuesday night to explain himself. Their curiosity was

manifest. It was soon satisfied. Sir Roger jovially admitted that he dashed off his letter on the strength of a "pretty good" summary in The Times. He actually read the report somewhat later, when he had managed to assemble the £8.50 required, and discovered that he (like so many others) violently disagreed with most of it.

Calling an amanuensis

Now available. Historic house in Covent Garden. Built 1759 and site of original meeting between Boswell and Dr Johnson. Substantially renovated. Lease for not less than £4,500

This is the bargain currently advertised by the Greater London Council (backed up with illustrated brochure) who suggest that in keeping with the history and geography of the place—the new owner might care to set it up as a bookshop

In view of that first meeting in which apparently the former had the misfortune to say that he did come from Scotland but could not help it, perhaps the GLC might also care to offer it London headquarters.

Too much of a liability

Those on the receiving end of consumer criticism should derive some consolation from the fact that occasionally an unkind fate dictates that even the Consumers' Association does things back to front.

A fortnight ago, its legal officer went to Brussels to agree

with representatives of Europe's consumer organizations a united

Yesterday afternoon, the CA

was represented at a conference convened by the National Con-sumer Council to settle what the British consumer organizations' common attitude on the subject should be. And finally last night, the

Consumers Association's govern-ing council met to discuss what its own policy should be. At the time of writing, it is too early to know whether the CA agreed with what it had already agreed. Meanwhile a question: Is there anything so unheard of, yet so much talked about, as product liability?

Wobbly nickname

Joel Barnett, the Chief Secre-tary to the Treasury, has a new nickname as a result of an error, twice made, in the Parliamentary Report for December 9. In a written answer, setting out a letter from Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Melton, he is addressed as: "Dear Jelly ...". In the next Jelly . . .". In the next column this is repeated. Mr Latham assures me that his letters began very properly "Dear Joel ..." Unfortunate

slip, for we now have a "Jelly" to rival "Juby", the nickname of the late Col Claude Lancaster, who was MP for South Fylde.



Cashing in on peace

Hot on the heels of the overture for peace, the concerti of commercialism. Following what it calls "the historic peace meeting in the Middle East", CBS Records have breathlessly produced a special recording of a former Elma John number

Written some years ago, it is now sung on one side of the record in Hebrew (by Topol) nd on the other in Arabic (by Najah Salam). Interspersed in the ditty are extracts from the speeches made during President Sadat's visit, while the cover features the two states-men apparently cooing at each other below the picture of a white dove. It is, gushes the blurb, "an

international message of peace, for all peoples of all countries". And not forgetting the Christmas market

Finding ways to lose it

Atlantic City seems to be preparing thoroughly for its conversion to America's next bigtime gambling town. Although legal restrictions may prevent it rivalling Las Vegas, the city

will see considerable changes. The catalogue of the Overbrook-Edgewood adult school there now offers a "casino gambling " course and, under the beckoning headline "Calling all Gamblers! Be ready for Atlantic City, advertises a class to study the rules and odds of games of chance, including baccarat, roulette, dice, blackjack, poker and slot machines. Probability and statis-tics will also be discussed. Students will simulate actual

conditions around roulette and dice tables and wil learn about best betting odd. Since regis-tration began August, the favourite amog the courses

The justructor is one Victor Falls (an unprtunate name); He is a scholteacher from Overbrook Regional Senior. School (whee his subject is naturally, mathematics). I gather that after graduating from college. Mr Falls spent six months in Las Vegas wurk ing as a chupier.

Presumaly those who complete the course successfully will receit some certificate of competent. Those who fail may receive / certificate of bankruptcy.

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ment blame the Liberals for

maintaining them in power, while

those who believe that the

country is now being governed relatively well give the credit to

This does not prove that the

Liberals were wrong to form the pact. They were then, as they

are now, seeking some avenue of

escape from a position of weak-

ness. But it does emphasize the

dilemma in which they now find

themselves. They do not want

to maintain the pact at the price of public humiliation. Propor-

tional representation for the

European Parliament was one of

the principal benefits they had

hoped to extract from the agreement, and if there was not a majority for that in the present House of Commons they felt that

at least they should not be

thwarted by a substantial num-

ber of Labour votes. They must

want to show that they are not a pushover for Mr Callaghan.

But they must also know that

the method of election to the

European Parliament is not the

sort of issue on which it would

be wise to break the pact. Mr Steel himself said as much in a

television interview last Sunday.

The case for preferring propor-

tional representation for these

elections has been argued often

enough in these columns, but it would be ridiculous to pretend

Mr Callaghan.

LIB-LAB RELATIONS

The rejection by the House of Ministers in office without that this is a question that Commons of proportional representation for the European September and in particular the Commons of the European who disapprove of the Government and in particular the Commons of the Covernment and in particular size of the rebellious Labour minority, has brought a new uncertainty to British politics. But this does not mean that there is bound to be an early general election. The Liberals have been gravely embarrassed. Their position was already difficult enough. The parliamentary pact they formed with Labour last March has brought considerable advantages to the Government. It has given a new lease of life and sense of security to an administration that was on the brink of defeat and it has coincided with a period of more effective and acceptable rule. How far it has been the cause of the second of those changes may well be disputed, though it has at least provided Mr Callaghan with a useful additional argument for the moderate policies that he would in all probability have wished to pursue anyway.

But whether or not it is fair

for the Liberals to claim the credit they have not yet been given it by the electorate. With the exception of Saffron Walden. where the result could be interpreted in more than one way, the by-elections have been disappointing for them. They are seen not as the people's watchdog but as the Government's poodle. This is largely because they are believed to have kept

CAN BONN KEEP SECRETS?

There are two distinct issues in the spy scandal afflicting the West German Defence Ministry. First, it is now known that large quantities of highly sensitive military information were passed to East Germany and that some employees of the ministry were arrested for the offence about eighteen months ago. Secondly, the reason this has become known is that a secret report on the case written by an independent expert inside the ministry has appeared in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. The Minister, Herr Leber, has called this "a second case of treason" and the Opposition is calling for

The first part of the story is obviously disturbing. More than a thousand top secret documents reached East Germany giving de-tails of West German and Nato forces and crisis planning. Legiabout why certain people with no obvious need had access to such information. Nor is this by any means the first spy scandal in Bonn. Herr Brandt's resignation as Chancellor was precepitated by the discovery that n East German agent had become a senior member of his staff. Arrests in lesser cases are relatively frequent. West Ger-

closed since August because of a

journalists' strike begin to re-

appear, it seems clear that the

strikers have failed in their

union's first serious attempt

to compel an employer to accept a closed shop. The

strikers themselves have appar-

ently not vet admitted defeat,

but it is improbable that they will be able to win by them-

selves when they could not do so

with the powerful assistance of

the printing unions. The National

Graphical Association decided

last week to withdraw their sup-port after three months' co-

operation. The papers concerned

had been produced for two

months until August by staff

members who had never joined the National Union of Journalists,

and there is every reason to think

that they will be able to resume

publication without difficulty.

The strike is already the longest in the history of the NUJ.

The tenacity of the Darlington

iournalists shows that they are convinced that the issues in-

volved are vital to their interests.

The action began when the man-

gement of the Darlington and

Stockton Times refused to dis-

niss a newly-appointed sub-editor

who was not a member of the

union and would not join. Only

inless the long interruption has itself caused too great a loss in

readership.

his resignation.

many, in fact, is riddled with spies. Altogether it is estimated that there are up to 4,000 at work, of whom three quarters come from East Germany. No country, least of all Britain.

with its memories of Mr Philby and others, can be smug about espionage, but West Germany is obviously particularly vulnerable. It is in the front line of Nato's defence and it is also part of a divided country. East German refugees receive aid, sympathy and immediate West German citizenship. Until the Berlin wall was built in 1961 they came over in large and growing streams. Since the wall they have continued to come in smaller numbers, sometimes escaping across the frontier, sometimes finding other routes, sometimes bought out for cash, and occasionally granted reunification with their families for humanitarian reasons. To plant agents among them is a relatively simple matter. There is no language problem and often no need for elaborate cover stories. Another factor is that the number of divided families makes it easy to put pressure on people already in West Germany by threatening retaliation, against relatives in the East if cooperation is refused.

were in fact NUJ members at the

time. The question of the closed

shop has aroused bitter feelings

in the NUJ in recent years—more bitter in the provincial than the

national press. In Fleet Street,

where official or unofficial closed

shops are common, wage rates are much higher than they are in provincial newspapers. The

union has a longstanding, if hotly

contested, commitment to the

closed shop in principle, and the

Darlington affair was embarked

It was probably a mistake to

choose as opponent an employer with a steady hostility to the

closed shop and strong economic

resources. Westminster Press offered a job-evaluation inquiry

and an independent review of

salary levels beside those on

other local papers, and made it clear that 100 per cent NUJ

membership was entirely acceptable to it. It even offered to

appoint no more non-members

Press Charter came into ei ect.

But it would not forgo its right

to look for staff outside the union if it wished. For its part,

the union repeated that the

desire for a closed shop did not

involve any ambition to use it to

has provided all too many

examples of trade union attempts

Unfortunately recent history

control editorial content.

until the Government's di

WINNING A BATTLE FOR PRESS FREEDOM

on as a test case.

As the Darlington newspapers about half the editorial staff

of all worlds if they were to jestison the pact now. They have already incurred the odium and they would not be giving themselves the chance of seeing if they might in due course get some support for acting as a moderating influence. To change course at this stage would also make nonsense of the strategy that Mr Steel has followed and would therefore undermine his leadership even it if did not provoke a leadership crisis. But there can be no doubt of the mounting criticism of the pact

within the party.

The withdrawal of the Liberals from the pact would destroy the Government's sense of security, but it might not force a general election. It might be thought that Nationalist parties would not wish to unsear the Government until not only the Scotland and Wales Bills are on the statute book but the respective referen-dums have been held as wellalthough in the case of the Scottish Nationalists at any rate that would be a very unsafe assumption. Most of the Northern Irish MPs would also be likely to support the Government. So the Government would probably retain a parliamentary majority on paper without that assurance of being able to plan ahead that being able to plan ahead that is the main benefit which has been conferred on them by the pact with the Liberals.

Since West Germany is a member of Nato this is a matter for her allies too, for the secrets that are lost are allied secrets. Yet there is not much sign at the moment that Bonn is guilty of more than a fairly average level of human error and negligence. Indeed, the overburdened counter-espionage forces have improved their techniques in recent times and have been enjoying a higher rate of success in making arrests. The spies in the present case were caught late but at least they were caught. The next lot may be caught sooner. That Bonn should do its best in difficult circumstances is about all that can be expected.

As for the leak to the press, it has obviously embarrassed the Government, and the Minister of Defence in particular, but has it really damaged the national interest? The East Germans already have the information and know which suspects have been arrested. That the West German public should learn about the case can scarcely make matters worse. It could even help by stimulating public interest and sharpening public scrutiny of the way the bureaucracy operates. If there has been laxity it should be exposed to view.

to interfere with the content of the media. The NUJ's welcome for a boycott imposed by the Labour Party on Westminster

Press reporters at the party's

annual conference was scarcely

a reassuring sign. At much the

same time a journalist was

refused a union card because he

had once worked for a National Front publication, and an attempt

was made by the union to impose

highly subjective rules (with

penalties for disobedience) re-

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those who value a free press.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending Europe from missile attack

From Lord Kennet Sir, Your sensible article "The defence of Europe " (December 10) omits, as does almost all public discussion, one fact which determines most of the others. You rightly mention that the Americans are considering whether to include their own "grey area weapons" in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (Salt). The grey area in question is between "strategic" and "tactical", and the weapons are those bombers and missiles in the American armoury which can hit Russia from Western Europe, but not from America.

What you omit is the question whether they, or anyone else, are considering including the corresponding Russian weapons in Salt, or in anything else. For 15 years or in anything else. For 15 years now, we in Western Europe (and in Israel. China, Japan, India, etc.) have had Soviet missiles targeted on us which cannot reach America. They are "tactical" to the United States; to Western Europe they are "strategic" indeed, and if Nato as a whole pays no attention to them, then Nato is at fault.

For years, when this matter has been raised in Western public debate, British and other governments have returned the answer;
"Don't worry; the Soviet IRBMs are old, they are soft, they will phase out naturally". This point, as some predicted, is now known to be a false one; the Soviet Union is repicing them with the new, hard, mobile SSX 20s. Will any Western government, or newspaper, ever notice that the countries listed above are threatened by a class of weapons which does not threaten the United States, and that if the United States does not choose to upset Russia by talking about the

Harriers for China

From Dr R. L. Lickley FRSE

Sir, As one who was very closely

Sir, As one who was very closely connected with Harrier developments from 1960 until the summer of 1976 I was most interested to read your editorial (December 8). The political and strategic cases were clearly made but your comments on the aircraft itself were less than fair and can, by giving a false impression of the aircraft and its capabilities. hardly have beloed

capabilities, hardly have helped potential sales.

You say the Herrier is a complex aircraft and, while this is correct, any aircraft designed for a strike role in the Nato battlefield area

cannot be otherwise. You indicated the siscraft is difficult to fly, but all high performance military air-craft are difficult to fly in the sense

craft are difficult to fly in the sense that the large amounts of thrust available from the jet engine can cause changes in the patterns of flight to take place with great rapidity. In the Harrier this problem is greater because of the ability to hover which greatly widens the speed range available for use by the pilot. It does not, however, suffer from the difficulty of having to land

from the difficulty of having to k at speeds of 150 mph or higher.

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of a Times leader; all mechanical devices are easy to crash if
mishandled, from a skateboard to a
nuclear submarine. The purpose of
the long periods of flight trials by
experienced test pilots, backed by
analysis of any problems by highly

marter, then we had better do so ourselves? Yours faithfully, WAYLAND KENNET. House of Lords.

From Colonel Jonathan Alford Sir. While I would agree with almost all Lord Chalfont has said in his article "Will the Commons hear the alarm bells, too?" (December 12), may be guilty of trying to have it both ways. If, as he suggests, the Soviet submarine threat to Allied North Atlantic traffic is considerable (and this is incontestable) then it must also be acknowledged that the Russian deployment of those submarines (together with surface vessels) from Northern Waters will be detected as they must transit the relatively narrow waters either side of Iceland. Only 10 per cent of their submarine fleet is normally south of Iceland. Setting aside the question of whether NATO will act on such unambiguous indicators, the warning will then clearly amount to some days—perhaps 5 or 6.

If, on the other hand, the Soviet Union were to delay their submarine on the Central Front, they would be markedly less well placed to interfere with the Atlantic Sea routes: an alerted Alliance naval force could make arree deep less routes. make surge deployment costly. Both scenarios are frightening but they are "either/or" rather than "and/ and". It is the range of options which disturbs but at least the West should be allowed some crumbs of comfort. Yours sincerely.

JONATHAN ALFORD. Assistant Director, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, 18 Adam Street, WC2.

qualified and dedicated design staffs, distinct and decorated design statis, together with the long and precise flying training given to military pilots, is to ensure that the behaviour of the aircraft and the capabilities of the pilots who fly it are so matched that successful operation of the aircraft does take place. Your comment does far less than justice to the designers, the test pilots and the operational pilots who fly the aircraft. The safety of the Harrier in operational flying is at least as good as any other modern high per-

Your next statement is completely at variance with the facts. Present at variance with the facts. Present successful operation of the Harrier at Belize shows the Harrier to be independent of advanced ground services and able to operate effectively from areas which have minimal support. While commenting that the Americans have trouble with the Harrier you fail to mention the magnificent flying regularly carried out by the RAP squadrons in Germany at high speed and low level in all weather conditions.

formance strike aircraft.

weather conditions You appear to feel, Sir, that the problems you raise may be sur-mountable. This should be an easy ful high performance aircraft such as the Harrier, they have aircady been surmounted. Yours faithfully,

the "gaming industry" and illegal pornography is becoming the "porn industry". Mr Taylor's analogy with

ROBERT L. LICKLEY, Silverdale Avenue, Walton-on Thames. Surrey. December 12.

Curbing pornography From Mr Raymond Blackburn

From Mr Raymond Blackburn

Sir, The letter from the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester (December 5) has certainly aroused opposition in your columns. He was only following what the judges said in R v Commissioner of Police exparte Blackburn No 3 1973 2 WLR 43. Lord Denning MR said of the police "If they find obscene articles and seize them they must take them before a magistrate and be can order their destruction". Roskill LJ "stressed the need for consideration whether more frequent and effective consideration whether more frequent and effec-tive searches and seizures" by "officers on division" as well as the Obscene Publications Squad "may not achieve better results" while Phillimore LJ said "it is high time Phillimore LJ said "it is high time that a major effort was made to deal with the 'hard porn' and to start to deal with the soft porn". They had not only the Soho porn produced in quantity by me before them but porn put in evidence for the Attorney-General

The illegal gaming clubs became

the prostitute is misleading. A closer analogy is with the pimp and many Soho pornographers were also

Lord Denning said "Mr Black-burn condemned pornography in a relling phrase. It is, he said, powerful propaganda for promis-cuity. So it is for perversions." With divorces running at a rate four or five times greater than a few years ago and all the misery caused to the children, it would be heartless to neglect any means for removing one of the causes. The Chief Constable is to be congratulated. It similar action had been taken everywhere years ago, an empire of vice involving widespread corruption and violence would not have grown and flourished. Yours faithfully.

RAYMOND BLACKBURN, 50 Homefield Road.

Saving the Mostyn flagons From Mr George J. Levy

In this connexion it may not be generally appreciated that only a relatively small sum (well under £100,000) is urgently needed before January 5 to save for the nation the Mostyn flagous, which are among the most outstanding masterpieces of English silver of the Elizabethan period still in existence, made in 1601 and owned by the same family for centuries until they were sold in auction last June,

Attendance in the House

Sir, You have done a great service by drawing attention to the poor attendance of MPs at the Committee Stage of the Scotland Bill. In his article of December 12 David Wood said that a similar "Attendance Table" on the night when the House

structive ".

Labour and the National Front winning a seat on the LCC. Those From Dr Stuart Lindsay

Sir, I, as a committed opponent, watched the Labour Party's recent broadcast on the National Front with increasing admiration.

It takes little involvement in Politics to know that theirs was not a vote winning approachbetter by far are ambivalent grunts about "controlling the problem" about "controlling the problem" in the "interests of race relations".

Politics is not always confined to populism—part of the job is leadership. In using prime party political time to lead rather than follow public opinion they have, for the first time in this Government's life, demonstrated idealism. Yours sincerely. STUART LINDSAY,

Prospective Partia Candidate, Bebington & Elbesmere Port Concervative Association, Harley Hall 76 Eastham Village Road. Wirral. December 9.

Prom Mrs Lena Jeger, MP for Red-bridge. Wanstead and Woodford (Labour)

Sir, I refer to Tim Miller's letter printed on December 12 in which he describes the low poll of the National Front in a recent GLC election. But that is no reason to suggest that the Labour Party's telegister programs chelled not be been present to the control of the present the second programs and the present programs and the present programs and the programs of the vision programme should not have taken place. The logic of his argu-ment is to wait until the evil enemy has grown bigger and stronger—and history gives us the answer to that

approach.

The future is nearly always only a repetition of the past. In 1937 my late husband, Dr S. W. Jeger, who was a dedicated family doctor in the miserable days of unemployment and poverty in Shoreditch, was opposed at the LCC election by William Joyce. He recieved 2,564 votes compared with Dr Jeger's 11,069. But of course William Joyce had not the slightest interest in

local elections were used—and are still being used—as an excuse for public expressions and demonstrations of a creed. It was therefore right that our recent programme linked the fascists with Belsen and binked the fascists with Belsen and the other horrors of war. Joyce used to hold meetings outside the window of my husband's surgery in New North Road, and indicate the lamp post from which "the Jew doctor" would be hanged—an irong of history, indeed. Bricks were thrown through the consulting room window. Patients were afraid to attend and the doctor had to undestake many more bone visits. The take many more home visits. The local police, many of whom, with their families, were his patients, insisted on a rota to sleep in the surgery and escort him on night calls—not at his request. Are we

now to wait until coloured doctors and midwives need a police escort, as they visit patients?

There were plenty of people ready then to brush all this aside as an aberration which would pass. We know what happened because we lived through the results. But younger people do not understand and must be told. Especially they need to know that the patriotic claims of the National Front are totally spurious. Jove's organization was called the British Union of Fascists. And how "British" were their activities in the hour of our country's total danger? It was agreed then that they were traitors, And the law dealt with them at

They were the most anti-British element in our land. And their heirs, the National Front, are totally anti-national as far as the democratic and tolerant traditions and future of our nation are concerned. This is no time nor place for silence. Yours truly,

LENA JEGER, Chairman of the Press and Publicity Committee of the Labour Party, House of Commons. December 13.

do. It is no function of the Bar to

Criminal legal aid

From Lord Shawcross, QC Sir, On returning from abroad, I baye seen the courteous criticisms by Messrs Du Cann and Marriage on behalf of the Criminal Bar Aso-ciation (December 2) of some comments I made in a speech to the very experienced Central Criminal Court journalists.

It is true that in challenging jurors, as in everything else, a barrister acts in right of his client. barrister acts in right of his client. He is, however, not a mere mouthpiece for his client. He is, as
Cordozo expressed it, a Minister
of Justice. He is not to identify
himself with his client. This
actempted "alibi" reminded me of the famous, but quite unjust com-ment made by Disnaeli in his letter to Charles Austin when he wrote "... an honourable profession the first principle of whose practice appears to be that they may say anything provided they are paid for it... the practice of circulat-ing falsehoods with impunity is desicately described as doing your duty towards your client, which is a very different process from doing your duty towards your neighbour." Disraeli was wrong. As Lord Chief Justice Cockburn put it: "It is the Justice Cockburn put it: "It is the (advocate's) duty to the utmost of his power to seek to reconcile the interests of his client and the duty it is incumbent upon him to discharge with the etternal and immutable interests of truth and justice." The vast majority of English barristers know how to do this this. They are not to allow them-selves to be made the vehicle of reckless allegations and do not make charges simply for the purpose of discrediting the police or others unless they are satisfied that such charges are a necessary port of their clients case—and never unless specifically instructed so to

invent a defence.

The English jury system has been based on the principle of random selection of, as it was put, "the twelve men on the Chapham omnibus". I regard the "packing" of juries, as the right of peremptory challenge makes possible where several defendants are jointly charged, on grounds of race, religion, sex or supposed socio/economic status as an abuse. Because of this Parliament has already had to restrict the right: If it continues to be abused, Parliament will again have to intervene.

I believe the Bar to be an honourable profession. In these days when, in many fields—and not least those of the lay clients of the criminals Bar standards may seem to be declining, I am sure that in their sphere the Criminal Bar Association: will keep it that way and will agree with Lord Macaulay that it is "not right that a man with a wig on his head and a band round his neck o do tor a guenea out those appendages he would-think it wicked and infamous to do for an Empire".

for an Empire".

Finally, I used the statistic "of about 80 per cent" simply to show; that prosecutions are usually justified for that is the proportion of accused who actually plead guilty. The statistics my critics should study, are (a) the numbers committed formal in 1977 as compared with 1947, the proportions of those articly. (b) the proportions of those actually tried in those years who were acquitted and—not least—(c) the judicial hours occupied in each year, in dealing with these cases. There should also look at the serious allegations made about certain criminal chambers in the Bowroup's latest memoranda. Yours truly, HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, House of Lords.

Art in lieu of tax

Sir, I write as Chairman of the Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum to express support for the Chairman of the Arts and Culture Committee of Merseyside County Council (December 9) in his concern about the current procedure practised by the Government when works of art are offered in lieu of death daty. The great university museums appear to be in much the same position as the major local

From The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford

authority ones. It was revealed to the Visitors of the Ashmolean at their recent meeting that a very rare outstand-ing early Burgundian print which had been offered by its owner to the Government in lieu of duty has been rejected by the Government on the grounds that it was not "preeminent". The owner, who had recorded the express wish that the priot should come to the Ashmolean, has now had to sell it to meet tax and we understand that it will probably be resold abroad.

In the context of the very important collection of early prints

in the Ashmolean Print Room there is absolutely no doubt but that this' print was "preeminent". It is now probably lost for ever to the Ashmolean and to the country.

The Visitors asked me to express. their very grave concern to the Chairman of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries and I understand that my letter to him

has been forwarded to the Select' Committee of the House of Commons at present considering this problem in relation to the Land Fund. It is a problem that bears not only on the Ashmolean; we not only on the Ashmolean; we hear that a comparable deprivation has been suffered by the Firm william Museum at Combridge. This suggestion that the Standing Commission might appoint a panel of export advisers to report backsthrough them to the Government seems to offer a much better home of a fair consideration and subsequent allocation of works of any offered in lieu of death duty. Yours faithfully, REX RICHARDS. The Vice-Chancellor, University Offices.

Wellington Square, Oxford. December 12.

Safeguarding the otter From Lord Houghton of Sowerby.

Sir, Please allow me to refute absolutely the charge (by Mr John Cope, MP, December 9) that the League Against Cruel Sports published misleading advertisements relating to the Otter Order. Mr Cope says that the advertisements first appeared "after it was clear that no MP could vote against the Order, and have even continued

since the Order was debated.". That was not so. Mr Cope is quite missaken. The debate on the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments did not deprive the House of the power subsequently to reject the Order had MPs chosen to do so. While MPs did not take that course in the Commons, it was taken in the Lords. A motion moved by the Duke of Atholi calling upon the Government to with-draw the draft Order and to replace it by another of more restricted application was debated

defeated. The draft Order was therefore open to challenge throughout the

period until the Lords vote on December 6. The League was entitled to appeal for support to save the Order and the otter until the final procedural stage in the Lords on that date. HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY, Cheirman, League Against Cruel Sports, 1 Reform Row, N17.

Heavy breathing

December 13.

From Air Marshal J. M. Nicholls Sir, Timing myself up to the sixth floor this morning (34.5 seconds) it occurred to me that some of your. readers might think that the reason why Frank Cooper cannot find an admiral to pace is that they all start work so much later than the rest

of us.

But that would be unkind. The truth is that most of them sleep in their offices.

I have the honour to be, Sir, you most obedient servant. JOHN NICHOLLS, Ministry of Defence, Main Building. Whiteholl, SW1. December 13.

An Inverness cape Crom Mr Peter Such

Sir, While on holiday in Scotland Parlier in the year I bought an inverness cape. I have just started o wear it and my appearance has troused considerable interest and discussion, as well as the inevitable omments based on Conen Doyle. is a guest at a recent wedding 1 ras embarrassed to receive almost s much attention as the bride. is this garment now peculiar to *Cotland ? ours faithfully, ETER SUCH. d Daisy Bank Crescent.

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rom Professor John A. Davis ir. Those of us who provide front the public services (firemen, the tolice, soldiers, doctors and núrses)

are quite rightly reluctant to use withdrawal of labour as a means of plackmailing the Government that indirectly employs us to provide higher wages and salaries, which, though once adequate to permit us to concentrate our concern on our chents rather than our dependents, are now lower than those in com parable posts in industry and the independent professions. But if we are not to strike for the sake of the public's ease of mind, we are surely owed the support of public opinion in trying to achieve a reasonable standard of living (say a 10 per cent rather than a 40 per cent drop over

the past quinquennium).
Our problem is that because we are employed by government but are not in a real sense civil servants, we fall between two stools; and we caunot expect support from the TUC because it is the more unscrupulous members of that body which make it impossible for the Government to concede our case without setting a disastrous precedent. Could I suggest through your columns that public servants of our kind (I count the Civil Service as masters) should get together and work out with gov-ernment an acceptable way of determining our remuneration that precludes the use of the strike wea-pon in exchange for submission to truly independent arbitration not subject to interference by civil ser-yanes envious of our semi-independent status and convinced that there is more value in directing others than doing things oneself for others. Could I add that the involvement

of troops in fire fighting raises once again the cuestion of how valuable the reintroduction national service would be in reduc-ing demoralising unemployment and occupying adventurous and chivalrous youth in disciplined and sometimes dangerous work on behalf of the community—perhaps in an international disaster service.
Yours faithfully. JOHN A. DAVIS.

Director, The Department of Child Health, University of Manchester, St Mary's Hospital. Hathersage Road,

Sir, In your leader concerning the regrettable dispersal of John Evelyn's books (December 5) you rightly point out that " . . . a library is less spectacular than a Mentmore

and less appealing than a George Stubbs".

Indeed the immense sums involved over the occasional painting threatened with an export licence eem to attract so much publicity that .it over-shadows the steady exodus from this country of valuable treasures of at least similar significance to our heritage.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE J. LEVY, 119 Mount Street, W1. December 10.

From Mr Douglas Henderson, MP for Aberdeenshire East (Scottish National)

was settling the issue of PR for European elections would be "in-

It occurred to me that it might

be of interest to your readers to know how the press approached this major issue and that a record of attendance in the Parliamentary Press Gallery on Tuesday, December 13, would also be "instructive". Accordingly, on the analogy of your Table of Attendance by MPs at the Scatland Rill Commission I have Scotland Bill Committee, I have prepared the following Table of Attendance of the Press Gallery during the Committee of the European Assembly Elections Bill last night and your readers can judge for themselves whether the stric-ture of "quite disgraceful" which Dwid Wood applied to the atten-dance of MPs at the Scotland Bill is in a part and stable. is in any way applicable : Time Attendance

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Just before the Division at 10 pm journalists began to drift back into

I am sorry that I have not been I am sorry that I have not been able to distinguish between "Lobby" and "Gallery" correspondents on the analogy of Front and Back Benchers. Nor was it easily possible to differentiate the correspondents of different papers and it would be invidious to do so. Your readers may wish to know that there are 267 journalists officially attached to the House and some 100 foreign journalists are also entitled to attend. also entitled to attend. Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS HENDERSON, House of Commons.

Law Report December 14 1977

Acas' inability to question stay-at-work employees renders report void

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Salmon, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton and Lord Keith of

The House of Lords held that a report by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) in March, 1977, recommending that Grunwick Processing Laboratories Ltd, of Willesden, London, should recoghize a particular trade union for the purposes of collective bargaining, should be declared void because the recommendation was made without Acas first ascertaining the opinions of about twoflurds of the work force at Grunwick which had continued to work throughout the industrial troubles. Their Lordships held that on the roper construction of section 14(1) of the Employment Protection Act. 1975. Acas was moder a mandatory duty to ascertain the opinious of those still at work in spite of the uncooperative conduct of the employers.

The House dismissed an appeal by Acas from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne and Lord Geoffrey Lane) (The Times, July 30), which on an appeal by Grunwick from Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice puter Staff (Apex) for the purpose of collective bargaining on ochalf of the Grunwick work

Section 12(1) of the Employment Protection Act provides: '(1)... when a recognition issue is referred to the Service [Acas] , the Service shall examine the issue, shall consult all parties who it considers will be affected by the outcome of the reference and shall make such inquirles as

it thinks fit."

Section 14(1) provides: "In the course of its inquiries into a recognition issue under section 2... the Service shall ascer-tain the opinions of workers to whom the issue relates by any means it thinks fit, but if in any case it determines to take a for-mal ballot of those workers or any description of such workers, the following annuisions of this the following provisions of this section shall apply."

Mr Dennis Henry, QC, Mr Peter Scott and Mr Peter Goldsmith for Acas: Mr Mervyn Heald, QC, Mr Stuart McKinnon and Mr George Newman for Grunwick.

LORD DIPLOCK said that the appeal was concerned with one facet of an industrial dispute which had engendered a good deal of political heat and unfortunately still continued to do. That facet did not involve their Lordships forming, let alone expressing, any views as to the merits or conduct

Frunwick Processing Laboratories Ltd v Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service and
Others

(The Tunes, July 13) had held void the Acas recommendation that Grunwick should recognize the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and ComBefore Lord Diplock Lord Clark Control of the Contro recognition of trade unions by employers for the purpose of collective bargaining, and in particular on the meaning of section 14(1).

Acas was a statutory body set up under section 1 of the charged with the general duty of promoting the improvement of industrial relations and "in parindustrial relations and "in par-ticular of encouraging the exten-sion of collective bargaining". Its members were appointed by the Secretary of State, in practice because of their experience of industrial relations; and they in-cluded representatives of both employers and trade unions. employers and trade unions. Schedule I, paragraph 11 expressly provided that Acas should not be subject to any directions of any kind from any minister of the Crown as to the manner in which it was to exercise any of its functions. It was thus a body that might properly be described as independent as well as expert in industrial relations.

Grunwick's business was processing colour photographs for customers. Its work force was largely composed of immigrants largely composed of immigrants of Asian descent from Uganda, but a considerable number of students were engaged temporarily during the summer vacation, which coincided with the busiest period. On August 23, 1976 a student was dismissed for disciplinary reasons. Other workers walked out in sympathy and by the end of the month there were 91 members of

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and after some violence on the part of some of the strikers.

On October 15 Apex referred to Acas under section 11 a "recogissue "—whether ought to be recognized by Grunwick as representing all its weekly paid workers (including those dis-missed on September 2 who wan-ted to be reemployed) for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Acas's duty was laid down by section 12(1). It involved a three-fold process: (1) examination; (2) consultation; and (3) inquiry; but under (3) the subsection imposed no requirement as to the scope or the nature of the inquirles which Acas must undertake or the manner of conducting them. The apparently unfettered discretion was however, curtailed by section 14. Section 14(1) made it plain that the workers to whom the issue related were not included in the parties who were to be the subjects of "consultation" under section 12(1); they were the subjects of "inquiries" to be made under that subsection.

To carry out its duties under section 14(1) of ascertaining the opinions of workers to whom the recognition issue related. Acas proposed to address a questionnaire to them. For that purpose Acas sought to obtain the names and addresses of all Grunwick's weekly paid employees, including those dismissed on September 2 and

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sisting almost entirely of those who had been dismissed.

Acas asked Granwick for the names and addresses of all the workers still on its payroll. Grun-nick, however, was contending that former employees who had Grunwick, on September 2, disbeen dismissed should not receive the questionnaire; Acas contes that claim, and, pending the resolution of the controversy. Grunwick was unwilling to supply Acas with names and addresses.

The Act imposed no time limit on the duration of the process of examination, consultation and inquiry into a recognition issue by Acas. It was exhorted by section Acts. It was extinued by section 12(3) to encourage settlement of the issue by agreement; but if that failed, a duty was imposed by section 12(4) to "prepare a written report setting out its findany advice in connexion those findings and any recommendation for recognition and the reasons for it, or, where no such recommendation is made,

Acas was of opinion that by the end of December the situation, which had already given rise to nce and disturbance at the picket line. called for an early report, lest it might deteriorate still further. So on December 29 it distributed the questionnaire to those workers, the great majority of whom had been dismissed. The questionnaire was not distributed to the weekly paid workers then on Grunwick's payroll (apart from

their views were never ascertained.
From the 110 given the questionmin 93 replies were received; all said that they were members of Apex, and that they wanted Apex about their pay and conditions of

employment.

Equipped with that informa-on on the opinions of one-third of the workers to whom the issue related, Acas, on March 10, 1977, recommended the recognition of Apex by Grunwick for the purpose of collective bargaining, its report expressed regret at its in-ability to a certain the opinions of the other two-thirds of the workers, stating: "We had no information as to the names and addresses, nor any other suitable means of access, to the remaining workers still working in the company, and so their opinions could not be ascertained " 'para-

graph 22). In April Grunwick began an action against Acas and Apex for a declaration that the report was ultra vires and void, the principal ground being that Acas should not have ascertained or have regard to the opinions of the employees who had been dismissed but were who had been dismissed but were seeking reemployment, as they were not "workers to whom the issue relates". That ground of in-validity had been rejected by the Lord Chief Justice and the majority of the Coart of Appeal for reasons which his Lordship found convincing.

For the purposes of the Employment Protection Act, 1973, section ment Protection Act, 1973, section 30(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, defined worker as "an individual regarded in whichever (if any) of the following Capacities is applicable to him, that is to say, as a person who works or normally works or socket a work. works or seeks to work . . . under a contract of employment ".

It was enough to consider the words his Lordship had italicized in the definition. He would add that a group of employees who had been dismissed for going on strike ween dismissed for going on strike were among the most likely to need the services of a union to negotiate their reenzagement and that that would obviously have been one of the first matters. Apex would want to raise with Grunwick.

The defect in what Acas did-which all three members of the Court of Appeal held to be ultra vires and so rendering its recom-mendation void—was its failure to ascertain the opinions of more than ascertain the opinions of more train 200 weekly paid workers still employed by Grunwick. That had not been raised by Grunwick until its reply; but after considerable argument his Lordship thought the appeal could be disposed of on the basis of Acas's finding in paragraph 27.

paragraph 22.

The Lord Chief Justice had held that the provisions of section 14(1) were directory, not mandatory; on Grunwick's appeal all three members of the Court of Appeal rejected that construction and held that the provisions were mandatory and also that the obligation imposed on Acas was to ascertain the opinions of all the "workers to whom the issue relates". relates "

Court of Appeal that the require-Court of Appeal that the require-ment in section 14(1) that Acas "shall ascertain the opinions of workers to whom the issue re-lates" was mandatory. He could not accept the Lord Chief Justice's qualification that the obligation was "so far as reason-ably practicable". Prima facie the decision, which was one of fact, was one which the public authority by whom the statutory functions was one which the public authority by whom the statutory functions were exercised would have juris-diction to decide for itself, and a court of justice would not have jurisdiction to interfere with its decision except on the third ground stated by Lord Greene in Houses Ltd n Wednesbury Cor-noration ([1948] 1 KB 223, 229), in which he set out the grounds on which the court could hold to he ultra vives and void a decision he ultra vires and void a decision of an administrative body made in purported exercise of a discretion which a statute had conferred on

What did the express words mean? His Lordship thought that on their true construction the words used in section 14(1), when read in the context of the remaining subsections and of section 12, made manifest a statutory intention that before making a recommendation under section 12(4) and (5) for recognition of a particular trade union for the purpose of collective bargaining on pose of collective bargaining on behalf of the work force of a par-ticular employer, Acas should ascertain and take into considera-tion the opinions on that issue of the work force as a whole; and where there was a responsible posthe work force as a whole; and where there was a reasonable possibility of conflict of opinion Acas should ascertain and take into consideration those held by every group of workers of any significant size that formed part of the work force which would be affected by the recommendation. His Lordship thought the omission of the definite article hefore "workers" was deliberate: in order to make it clear, on the one "workers" was deliberate: in order to make it clear, on the one order to make it clear, on the one hand, that minority views were not to be excluded from Acas's consideration, and on the other, that an amission to ascertain the opinion of each and every one of the workers would not be fatal to the validity of any recommendation it might make. His Lordship found support for that in the immediately following terms making provision for a formal ballot. As in the case of other means of ascertaining the opinions of workers, Acas was given by section 14(4) a wide discretion as to the manner in which a formal ballot might be conducted.

The illegality in the procedure

issuing the questionnaire to the workers whose names and addresses it had obtained, but in addresses it had obtained, but in its admitted failure to ascertain by any means at all the opinions of a two thirds majority of workers to whom the issue related. His Lordship did not want to say anything which might limit the discretion of Acas as to the means it should adopt to ascertain the opinions of workers.

It was for Acas, not the court, to decide the most convenient way of carrying out that duty—whether iv ballot, meetings, interviews with spokesmen whom Acas considered representative of the work force as a whole or of particular groups within the work force, inference from workers' conduct, as in the case of those who did not avail themselves of the oppor-tunity to vote in a ballot or answer tunty to vote in a band or answer a questionnaire, or by a combination of any of those suggested means—which were not exhaustive. It was also for Acas, not for the court, to decide what weight to give to the opinious of workers in its consideration of what recommendation for recognition if any mendation for recognition, if any, should be made in its report. It was Acus's power and duty under the Act to make such recommendation as it thought best; but it was not entitled to make any recom-mendation for recognition so long as it remained in ignorance of the opinions of the majority of the work force or of what might be conflicting opinions held by

with Acas

early report was, in its judgment, necessary if the growing violence engendered by the dispute was to be quelled; but it was con-fronted with difficulties in canvas-sing the opinions of those workers still employed at Grunwick. It did not feel justified in inferring from their conduct in continuing to run the grantlet of the picketing over the previous four months that the opinions of most of them were opinions of most of them were adverse to being represented in collective barraining by Apex, which had made the strike official santitioned the picketton, and sought the assistance of the Union of Post Office Worker, to make it impossible for Grunwick to contains to carry on providing them with work.

If Acas had thought fit to draw If Acas had thought fit to draw that inference but had neverthefless recommended Apex for recugnition, despite the adverse opinion of a majority of workers to whom the recognition issue related, and had given the reasons for such recommendation, it might be that the High Court would have had no jurisdiction to interfere; for such recommendation would be within the wide discretion conferred on it by the Act.

with work.

But Acas, with its great experi-ence of industrial relations, did not think it right to draw that inference. Its report stated that it had been unable to ascertain the opinions of two-thirds of the workers. So it could not have taken them into consideration in making its recommendation for the recognition of Apex.

Confronted by that difficulty Acas had two courses lawfully open to it. There was no statutory time limit within which it must report, and it could have deferred reporting until it had devised some other means of excertaining the opinions of those workers whose names and addresses Grunwick were unwilling to pro-vide. Or it could have issued a report under section 12(4) sering out its finding that it was unable to ascertain the opinions of the majority of workers and for that reason was debarred from making any recommendation. Acas's final argument was that

even if the court were of opinion that the recommendation was ultra vires, it should nevertheless refuse to make a declaration to that effect because Acas's inability to comply with the mandatory requirements of the Act was due to Grunwick's own conduct in

Where a statutory authority had where a statetory authority had acted ultra vires any person who would be affected by its act if it were valid was normally entitled ex debito justiciae to have it set aside if he proceeded by way of certiorari, or to have it declared void in an action for a declaration. The court might declaration. The court might exercise its discretion to refuse the remedy where the ultra vires act of the authority was induced by the unlawful acts of the com-plainant bimself.

plainant himself.

Grunwick, however, had done nothing unlawful. An employer was under no legal obligation to cooperate with Acas in its consultations or inquiries in a recognition issue, however sensible it might be to do so. The only legal obligation on the employer was confined, in section 14(6), to notifying the results of a formal ballot to his employees who were invited by Acas to take part in it. Apart from that, he might coinvited by Acas to take part in it. Apart from that, he might cooperate with Acas as much or as
little as he himself considered
to be expedient. If he was to be
compelled to do more than was
required of him by section 14(6)
an amendment to the Act would
be recorded. be needed.

Moreover, in the instant case the workers whose opinions were not ascertained had an important conceded that they were in no way responsible for Acas's mainty to ascertain their opinions before preparing its report. Even if a declaration were to be refused to Grunwick, there would be nothing to prevent one being sought by any of those workers, and no possible ground on which to exercise any of those workers, and no pos-sible ground on which to exercise a discretion to refuse. That was a further reason why the declara-tion of invalidity granted by the Court of Appeal should not be withheld. His Lordship would dis-miss the appeal.

LORD SALMON, concurring, said that between October and December, 1976. Acas was in constant touch with Grunwick seeking by way of reconciliation to heal the breach between Apex and the strikers on the one hand and Grunwick and those still at work on the other. That must have been an uphili task, for it could not be supposed that Apex or the strikers an uphill task, for it could not be supposed that Apex or the strikers it represented had endeared themselves to Grunwick or the 200 or more workers still in its employment by organizing the large number of pickets, which, though not comparable in numbers with the hordes of pickets later recruited in June and July, 1977, had managed since the end of August, 1975, to make the lives of the workers on their way to and from work most unpleasant by abusive and sometimes violent

mail. To cut them off from the post was, as Mr Ward, Grunwick's managing director, had put it, equivalent to cutting their jugular vein. Had the postal blacking continued, Grunwick would have been put out of business and their workers would have lost their livelihood. Not surprisingly, those workers were completely opposed to the reinstatement of the strikens who had been barrwing the strikers who had been barrying

opinions of two-thirds of worker to whom a recognition dispute re lated, however uncooperative the trade union on them; nor would it be entitled to do so under any provision of the Act. Democracy gave one a free choice to decide by whom one wanted to be repre

His Lordship considered that is the unlikely event of Acas making a recommendation contrary to the genuine opinions of a large majority of the work force con-cerned, the courts would have power, indeed the duty, to declare the recommendation ultra vires and void. If, however, Acas had reasonable grounds for believing reasonable grounds for believing that the opinions expressed by the workers were not their genuine opinions but opinions improperly induced by pressure from one side or the other. Acas would have the power to ignore them and, when giving the reasons for its decision, state the grounds for its conclusion that the opinions of the majority had been improperly induced.

Lord Edmund-Davies and Lord Fraser concurred with the speech of Lord Diplock. Lord Keith de-livered a speech concurring in dis-

missing the appeal. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor

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Imagine, for a moment, how a British child would feel, being driven out of Britain by an invading army and being forced to huddle with his money less. parents in an overcrowded refugec camp in a foreign land where the food and sanitation conditions were appalling.

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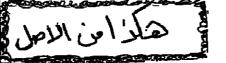
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Having arrived in the Royal Train at Chanlestown Station, His Royal Train at Chanlestown Station, His Royal Train at Chanlestown Station, His Royal Highness visited the Lamestie College of Rechnology, Administrative of Music, Manchester.

The Prince, of Wales was entermined at luncheon in Bury Town Hall, viewed basic trait skills projects in the Adelphi Building, Salford, and, at Bolton Town Hall, toured file Festival of Youth.

This evening, His Royal Highness was present at Cala Performance in the Octagon Theatre, Bolton, and, after estanding a Reception in Edition. Town Hall, left Bolton Trianty Street Station in the Royal Train for London.

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December 14: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon,
as Chancellor, this evening
attentied fine Students' Union
Christmas Ball at the University
of Keele.
Her Royal Highness, who
fravelled in an ascraft of The
Queen's Flight, was attended by
The Hon Daviss Woodhouse.

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December 14: Princess Alice,
Duchess of Gioncester attended
a Gala Concert given by the London Mosart Players in aid of the
Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal and
the Haydn-Mozart Society Endownment Fund Appeal at the Royal
Festival Hall this evening.
Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in
attendance.
The Duke of Gloucester judged
emites for the "Historic Britain
Photography Competition" at the
Department of the Environment
this afternoon.
In the evening His Royal Highmess, as Patron of the St Maryle-Strand Restoration Trust, was
present at a Carol Service at St
Mary-le-Strand.
Ligarenant-Colonel Semon Bland
was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

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was in attendance. The installation of the Very Rev Alan. Webster as Dean of St Paul's will take place in the cuthedral on Saturday, February 25, at 2.30 pm.

Birthdays today

Mr H. M. Abrahams, 78; Sir Douglas Allen, 60; Sir Denis Rarnes, 63; Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst, 82; Miss Ida Haendel, 53; Sir Henry Hardman, 72; Sir Eugene Melville, 66; Mr Ivor Newton, 85.

Reed's School

Mr J. B. Tyson takes up the appointment of Headmaster of Reed's School on January 1, 1978, succeeding Mr R. N. Exton, who becomes Director of the Independent Schools Careers Organisation on February 1, 1978.

Luncheons

HM Government Mr Evan Luard, Parliamentary of State for Affairs, was bost at a luncheon in honour of Mr A. R. S. Doha, High Commissioner for Bangladesh, at Admiralty House yester-

Coal Industry Society

The Prime Minister was the principal guest and speaker at the 300th luncheon of the Coal ludustry Society, held at the festival Hall pesterday. The other speakers were the president, Mr. M. Pybus, and the chairman, Mr. J. P. G. Weston. Others present included:

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'win. Mr N. Siddall. Mr L. Wolliams,
'I'r A. Wilson and Mr L. Wormald.

Rotary Club of London Miss Eirlys M. Rees. President, Royal College of Nursing, was quest of honour at the Rotary Club of London's luncheon at the Care Royal yesrerday. Mr Beruard Downham, president of the club, was in the chair.

Mr John Ryman, MP, was host at a funcheou at the House of Com-mons yesterday in honour of Miss Lombe Chibesakunda, High Com-missioner for Zambia.

Reception London Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Sir Eric Norris was the guest of honour at a reception given by the South East Asia Business Club at the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday. The chairman of the chamber's South East Asia section, Mr R. T. S. Macpherson, was host.

Royal Ocean Racing Club The annual dinner of the Royal Ocean Racing Club took place at the Hilton hotel yesterday evening. The guest of honour was Admiral Sir David Williams.

Conversation piece : It is intended that Oscar Blenheim chapel where Sir Winston Nemon's sculpture of Sir Winston and Lady proposed to her in 1908. Lady Spencer-Churchill in informal mood, now at Blenheim Palace, shall eventually be moved to the funeral takes place privately today.

Dr R. J. Sellar and Miss L. B. Miller

and sass L. B. Manier
The engagement is announced
between Robin, son of Mr and
Mits R. M. Seller, The Old Church
House, Colyton, Devon, and
Louise, dangiter of Mr and Mrs
M. D. Miller, 17 Christchurch
Road, Norwich, Norfolk.

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Major and Mrs Guy Weymouth, of Hythe, Kent and Sylvie, daughter of M and Mme Françoise Thionot Charbonneaux, of Paris.

M'ATTAGES
Mr J. Remington-Hobbs
and the Hon Mrs D. J.
Tyrell-Kenyon
The marriage took place yesterday at Winchester Register Office
between Mr James RemingtonHobbs, elder son of Mr and Mrs
C. Remington-Hobbs, of Tegfield
House, Chilbolton Avenue, Winchester, Hampshire, and the Hon
Mrs Davin Tyrell-Kenyon, daughter of Mr Devid Jessel, of 22
Cambridge Road, London, SWI,
and of the Hon Mrs D. Jessel, of
The Grove House, Droxford,
Hampshire.
Mr A. N. C. Embricos

and Miss V. Gonianous
The marriage took place on Thursday, December 8, in the Greek
Orthodox Cathedral of St Sophia,
London, between Mr Anthony
Embiricos, son of Mr and Mrs
Nicholas Confountros Embiricos,
and Miss Violanda Goulandris,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander N. Goulandris. Archbishop
Athenagoras officiated.

Mr A. N. C. Embiricos and Miss V. Gonlandris

Mr M. H. Morse and Mrs B. M. Edwards

Marriages

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales attends film premiere of The Deep, in aid of English National Opera Benevolent Fund and Variety Club Heart Fund, Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, 8.05.

The Duke of Gloucester takes

salute at passing out parade of Junior Leaders Regiment (Royal Armoured Corps), Bovington Camp, Dorset, 10.30.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. E. Barke-Murphy

Mr P. E. Burke-Murphy and Miss E. A. L. Taylor
The engagement is amnounced between Peter Edmund, son of Lieutenent-Colonei E. V. Burke-Murphy, OBE, MC, of Holywood, co Down, and Mrs J. Barrow-Williams, of 37 Gloucester Road, SW7, and Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Commander and Mrs H. S. Taylor, of Clayton Cottage, Bosham Hoe, Sussex.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Couldrey, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Ann. daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Pallett, of Hungerford, Berkshire.

Mr A. H. Houston and Miss C. L. Fergusson The engagement is amnounced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian H. Houston, of The Manor House, Oaken, Staffordstore, and Kitty, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Fergusson, of The Old Vicarage, Alvediston, Wiltshire.

Mr P. Masson and Miss E. Kipling and suss t. Appung

The engagement is announced between Piniip, elder son of the late Mr C. C. Masson and of Mrs Masson, of Ashford, Middlesex, and Effeen, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W. Kipling, also of Ashford.

Mr P. J. Peacock and Miss H. C. Spence The engagement is announced between Philip John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. K. Peacock, of Evesham, Worcestershire, and Helena Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Spence, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

The marriage took place on Samrday, December 10, 1977, in London between Mr Michael Haig Morse and Mrs Britz Mary Edwards (nee Edbolm). Royal College of Surgeons of England Latest wills

Mr Reginald Muriey, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, emertained Mr Ian Treshowan, Mr Brian Harpur, Mr Percy R. Levy, Mr Selwyn F. Taylor, Professor A. J. Harding Rains and Mr W. F. Davis at luncheon at the college yesterday.

Lallost Willis

Foren, 1eft £153,538 net. After personal bequests of £3,000 and effects, she left her home and offects, she left her home and the effects to the National Children's Home, £2,000 to Mozart Masonic Lodge Benevolent Fund, half the residue to the Jewish Blind Society and half for chartother effects to the National Children's Home, 52,000 to Mozart Masonic Lodge Benevolent Fund, half the residue to the Jewish Blind Society and half for chari-ties as her executors choose.

> Other wills include (net, before tax; tax not disclosed): Down, Mr Thomas Henry, of Watchet, Somerset .. £124,281 Watchet, Somerset £124,281
> Inglis-Jones, Mr John Alfred, of Camberley £100,072
> James, Mrs Irene Winifred, of Kensington £135,458
> Janson, Mrs Allison Isabella Ramsay, of Chelsea £114,074
> Lord, Mr Bernard Johns, of Bayswater £116,046
> Mensies, Mrs Grace Louiss, of West Kensington £110,602
> Warsden-Robinson, Mr Henry, of West Kensington ...£110,602
> Narsden-Robinson, Mr Henry, of
> Matlock ...£140,187

Missen, Mr Basil Leslie, of New Malden, left £20,040 net. He left all his property to the amenides fund of Queen Mary's Hospital, Putney.

Fine arts fair stimulates interest in Old Masters

By Huon Mallalieu
The combination of the Burlington International Fine Arts Fair at the Royal Academy and a good ale of Old Master paintings at an estimate of £15,000 to £20,000. Leger paid the same sum for a subrum season yesterday. Many were well above the estimates.

A panel of the Virgin and Child three saints by Jan Gossaert, called Mabuse, which had come irom the collection of the Belgian Rarotts de Moffarts, was sold to a private Spanish collector for £60,000 (estimate £60,000 to £60,000).

More dramatic was a still-life of fruit by Jan Davidsz de Heem,

which made £46,000. It had come to Sotheby's for attribution from their associate, Henry Spencer and Sons. of Retford, and it carried an estimate of £15,000 to £20,000.

Leger paid the same sum for a subfusc river landscape by Jan van Goyen (estimate £30,000 to £40,000).

The sale made a total of £1,01,850, with 13.6 per cent bought in, and an afternoon session of less important Old hadsoned because here to be subfusc for finding to the same sum for £1,031,850, with 13.6 per cent bought in, and an afternoon session of less important Old hadsoned because here fatol,920.

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The same buyer also paid £9,500 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) for St Matthew's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles in the early version of the English translation by John Wyclif Bibles are

obviously rare, since many were burnt as heretical.

A Dutch Hluminated manuscript of The Life of Christ, dating from the second half of the fifteenth century, went to Moortnemer, a Belgian dealer, for £8,000 (esti-mate £1,500 to £2,000).

At Christie's a sale of jewels made a total of £251,243, with 5 per cent bought in. An unmounted coshion-shaped diamond was sold coshion-shaped diamond was sold to Seymotr for £12,500 (estimate £12,000 to £15,000), and S. H. Harris paid £11,000 for an antique diamond necklace composed of 53 graduated diamond collets (estimate £9,000 to £10,000). The same price was paid for a diamond brooch (estimate £6,500 to £7,500).

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr W. A. Dodd, aged 54, Deputy Education Adviser, Ministry of Overseas Development, to be chief education adviser on the retirement of Mr J. E. C. Thorn-

Science report

Asteroids: A question of size

planets and their satellites accumulated out of collisions of mail bodies in a primordial dusticulous orbiting the Sun. Gradually ome of those accretions grew to be planets and their moons. be planets and their moons.

But in the region between Mars and Jupiter are several thousand minor planets or asteroids, often of uneven shape and ranging in vize from a thousand kilometres across down to mere bouiders. It is thought that they probably came originally from a small number of minor planets that persistently collided with each other and broke up. The original minor planets

up. The original minor planets were themselves probably no more than 1,000km across. Dr T. Marsul and Dr H. Mautani have been looking for reasons why the minur planets are minur (less than a teath of the diameter of the Earth) and con-

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longhly rwice that of the Earth,
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lust had a lot to do with it.
In the early days of the solar
longhly them, small bodies or planetestmals would be colliding with each
other regularly and would be too
small for gravitational attraction
to hold them together after colsiison. So one of three things

Most scientists think that the planets and their satellites accumulated out of collisions of small bodies in a primordial dusticulous orbiting the Sun. Gradually come of those accretions grew to be planets and their scientists.

by a fraction of 100.

If the relative velocity between the two is low enough bouncing will always occur. On the other hand, at very high relative velocities, the bodies will always fragment. In a middle range of velocities, typically a few hundred metres a second, the bodies will merge. The merging process, however, varies quite considerably from material to material. It most easily occurs when the material is ductile or plastic in character. ductile or plastic in character.

In collision rock is generally
not very ductile below a temperature of about 1,000°C; on the
other hand iron is ductile above

about -50°C. Thus at tempera-tures above -50°C and below 1,000°C iron will progressively nuclease out of a mixture of iron

and rock.

planetesimal will become large enough for its gravitational field to hold on to further bodies that strike it at slow enough speed, regardless of their composition. Then rocks, too, will accrete out to the evolving planet.

All of that process depends on many parameters, one of which is the temperature of the colliding materials. Two estimates of temperature can be made for planets: the temperature at which the dominant material on each planet condensed, and the temperature at present under solar heating.

Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars were hot enough on both mose scales for the iron to be dutile (that is, the temperature well ex-

(that is, the temperature well exceeded -50°C). But the temperatures determined for the minor planets are very close to the manor planets are very close to the transition between britileness and ductility. So it is possible, the authors say, that the minor planets never grow for the simple reason that the iron was too cold to act as a nucleating agent. By Nature-Times News Service.

Source: Nature 270, 506-7 (Decem-© Nature-Times News Service, 1977.

Black,
Miss J. A. Plowman, lecturer in
English at South East London
Technical College, to be Headmistress of Portsmouth High
School next September on the
retirement of Miss M. L. Clarke.

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Mr Noel Rawsthorne, organist of
Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, tobe the cathedral's first lay administrator.

Mr John Tyson, headmaster's
assistant and head of mathematics,
Bradfield College, to be Headmaster of St Edmund's School, Canterbury, in succession to Mr F. R.
Rawes, who retires in July.
To be members of the Noise
Advisory Council:
Professor W. Burns, ornegist, Charing
Cross Hospital: Professor P. Load,
anoustican, Salford University: Professor M. Shepiterd, psychiatrist, Institute of Psychiatry, London University;
Mrs J. E. Moryan, member, West

OBITUARY

MR NEIL WILLIAMS Leading British aerobatic pilot

Mr Neil Williams, premier

British aerbatic pilot, was killed be won all the domestic competitions. He held the trite of British champion 13 times, was shortly after the start of a ferry flight to England in a Germandesigned Second World War Heinkel bomber as reported in *The Times* of yester-day. Neil Williams was born in Canada, but returned to his

native Wales, where he com-pleted his education with an engineering apprenticeship, and learned to fiv with the Glam-organ Flying Club in 1951. He then joined the Royal Air Force, obtaining his pilot's brevet in Calgary, Canada, pass-ing our as winner of the course trophy.

His subsequent career with the RAF included service with a photo-reconnaisance Canberra squadron in Cyprus. He came squiadron in Cyprus, He came back to Britain in 1961, and joined the staff of the experimental flying unit at Farnborough, where he spent the remainder of his RAF career. During this period, he flew practically every aircraft at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, and acquired that perfectionist and acquired that perfectionist and meticulous approach to all flying problems that character-ized his career. In 1962, he graduated from the Empire Test Pilots School and also began aerobatic flying.

Although his subsequent flying history included test flying for flandley Page, charter flying, flying for films, and innumerable appearances at flying displays, his principal love in life, to which he devoted all his considerable della year reconnect. considerable skills, was competition aerobatics.

Camp, Dorset, 10.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, attends Christmas party of Not Forgotten Association, Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, 2.45; as Patron of Spastics Society attends Olympia international show-jumping championships in aid of Stars Organization for Spastics, 6.50.

The Lord Mayor of London was I.V.R. writes: The Lord Mayor of London pre-sides at Court of Common Council, Guildhall, 1.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Greet Hall, Christmas Oratorio, Choral Society, conducted by John Lumley, 7.30. Lumley, 7.30.
Festival of lessons and carols, St Olave, Hart Street, City, 1.05; Church of the Holy Sepulcre, Holborn Viaduct, 1.

Slavonic manuscripts exhibition, British Library, Great Russell Street. 10-5.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, Dec 15, 1952 15, 1952
Three events in recent weeks have given evidence of Soviet hostility towards the Jews. An unusual proportion of the victims of the Communist purge in the east German village, of Klein Machnow were Jews; Russian diplomatic representatives were conspicuously absent from the ceremondal inauguration of Mr Ben-Zvi, the new President of Israel, last Wedneday; and finally, and most dramatically, eleven out of the fourteen Caechoslovak Communists condemned in the Prague treason trial were also Jewish. There campaign the satellite countries are

paign the satellite countries are acting in obedience to direction from Moscow. Kings College London

The Council of King's College London have appointed the Rev Professor U. S. Simon to be Dean of the college from January 1, 1978, in succession to Canon S. H. Evans on his appointment as Dean of Salisbury. Professor Simon has been Professor of Christian Literature since 1971, and on taking up his new appointment his title will be Professor of Christian Literature and Dean of King's College. Award for bravery

The Royal Humane Society's 1977 Stanhope Gold Medal is to be awarded to Mr Randy Sherman Davey, of Napanee, Ontario, for having at great personal risk, saved the lives of a man and two women trapped in a burning building at Ficton, Ontario, in March.

Service dinner Red Rose Club

PROFESSOR GEORGE BEAN

the highest placed British competitor in any of the 11 inter-national Lockheed Trophy con-tests, coming second in 1965. He flew in all the world championships from 1964, was a finalist in five of them, and was placed fourth (the highest ever British placing) in 1976 at Kiev—a contest that many judges of pilots considered he should have In 1970, flying a stronge Zlin borrowed only three weeks previously he came fifth in the world serobatic championships at Hullavington, having been awarded a Queens Commendation for Tables 1981.

tion for valuable service in the air shortly before bringing off a brilliant crash landing when the wing of his Zlin collupsed during a training flight. identifying ancient sites. He won the European cham-pionships in 1967, led the British team that won again in 1974, and won the French Coupe Chamoion, the same year. He was the author of a standard work on competition aerobatics and other books and articles on sporting flying; an air race pilot

aircraft of the Shuttleworth collection.

His skill, popularity, and above all, his constant readiness to pass on his unique experi-ence to others and his wide ranging interests in aviation render his death peculiarly dis-

of distinction, and a notable pilot of the veteran and vintage

MR ARTHUR STOWERS

H. W. Dickinson. He was president for some years in the 1950s, and was recently elected one of only four honorary members. He was also active in the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, his special interest being wind and water-mills. His technical range was wide. He was assistant director of agregati instru-Arthur Stowers, who died on November 30, was on the staff November 30, was on the staff of the Science Museum for 32 years, from 1930 to 1962. For the last 12 years he was Keeper of the Department of Mechani-cal and Civil Engineering, and presided over the redisplay of the major industrial collections which had been removed to store on the outbreak of war in 1939. He also encouraged the formation of the large new collection of domestic appliances, which was only put on view after his retirement. Encouragement was indeed

Stowers's great gift, and he devoted his scholarship to the gnidance of his staff and gave unstitutingly of his time to persons and groups engaged in what has since become known as industrial archaeology. That this subject has progressed so far in recent years is in some measure the result of his devo-tion to it, and the effectiveness of his personality in bringing people together and encouraging them.

Stowers was a member and

mainstay of the Newcomen Society for 47 years, for 16 of which he was joint honorary secretary with the late Dr

tressing in a sporting field where he was undoubtedly the last of the great all rounders. subject which interested him; whether it was his business, his garden, his various charities or wild life. He also had an endearing

range was wide. He was assistant director of aircraft instrument production during the war, and was a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers as well as being a fellow of the "Mechanicals", and of the Museums Association. He was also an accomplished pianist and his love of music was one of the few things that could induce him to leave his office in the early evening—to attend a concert.

He leaves a widow and two

Mr Laurence Woodworth, the American assistant Treasury secretary responsible for day-today work on President Carter's programme of tax cuts and reforms, died on December 7. He was 59.

He suffered a stroke last weekend while attending a conference with tax lawyers in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Work on Turkish classical remains Professor George Ewart Bean, to win the confidence of vil-

who died on December 7 aged
74, was for over a quarter of a
connect a familiar figure to the 74, was for over a quarter of a century a familiar figure to the villagers of Western and Southern Asia Minor, among whom he has become almost a legend. After graduating from Cambridge to had returned to his old school, St Paul's, to teach scholarship Greek. But the war took him to Turkey: in 1946 he became head of classics in Istanbul University; and from that time until his retirement in 1971 he spent a large part of his vacations travelling from village to village in Asia Minor discovering ancient remains, recording the many hundreds of Greek inscriptions that he found, and

Being broad in the shoulder and almost six toot six in height, he did not travel easily in Turkey and often found the physical conditions too constricting for what he called " a full-grown man". But his impressive pre-sence and command of Turkish spoken in a deep bass voice rendered him unforgettable.
Those who had the good fortune
to travel with him learned how

A friend writes: The obituary in The Times paid tribute to Ernest Kleinwort's career as a banker and his work for World Wild Life. I would like to add a few words about the man himself. He had great charm as well as a first class mind and, above all, an infectious enthusiasm for any

streak of eccentricity. Anyone who saw him will remember his daily progress between the West End and the City on his bicycle—bowler hatted, umbrelka neatly racked, a splendid

MR D. E. BIANCHI

Douglas Edward Bianchi, who died at the Canadian Hospital at Cliveden, Bucks, on December 10, was an aircraft maintenance expert, specializ-ing in historic and film aircraft. During the Second World War he was with the Air Transport Auxiliary, in charge of their Engineering Instructors' School. After the war he started the BEA Engineering School, and later took part as a flight engineer on the first proving flights of British South American Air-

In 1947 he started Personal Plane Services Ltd, which as well as maintaining light aircraft providing replica early aircraft for films such as Those Magnificent Men in their Fly-ing Machines; Mosquito Squadron; The Blue Max; and Aces

High. He leaves a widow, a son, and a daughner.

archaeological guide-books that, with his trife Jane at his shoulder, he completed in the last dozen years or so: Aegean Turkey, Turkey's Southern Shore, Turkey beyond the Turkey, Turkey's Southern Shore, Turkey beyond the Macander, and (due to appear next spring) Lycian Turkey. MR ERNEST KLEINWORT sight weaving through the London traffic. He would ride to a botel for a function and hand over his bicycle to the Head Porter quite naturally as

can claim acquaintance with

him. He was in every sense a

big man. He was also a keep

sportsman who had played doubles at Wimbledon for some

years and captained Surrey at

Bean's most lasting scholarly work consists of the monographs in which he published the Greek inscriptions of Side, of Lycia and (with T. B. Mit-

fordi Cilicia for the Austrian

Academy: his Rhodian Persea (with P. M. Fraser); numerous chapters; articles in learned journals; ropographical entries

in reference works: and the re-editing of the Classical Map of Asia Minor (on a revision of which he was working in An-kara last month). But he will

be most widely remembered for the authoritative and humane

badminton.

if it were a horse.

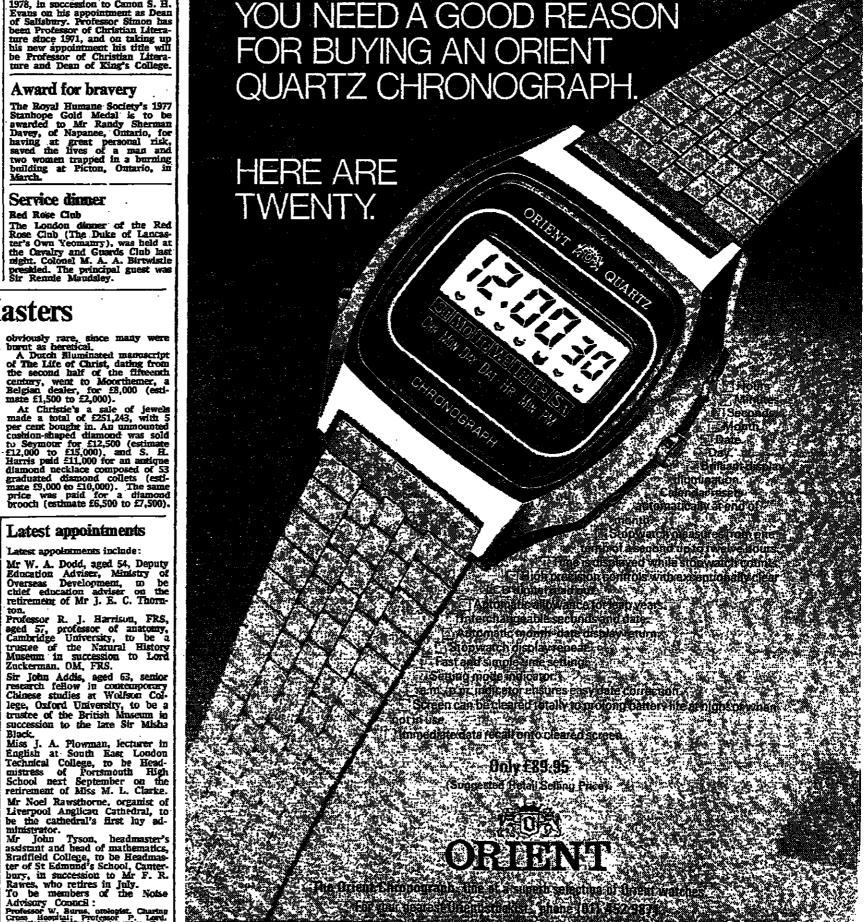
Ernest was a perfectionist in all he did, not least in the creation of his beautiful garden. To all his interests he would devote his attention regardless of time. No one could be more generous in both his mind and his deeds. He liked to support lesser known causes. His perlesser known causes. His per-sonal acts of generosity and kindness were innumerable but he abhorred publicity.

He was a dear friend and all who loved him will miss him could.

him sadly.

MR J. R. BRUNSKILL Mr John Robert Brunskill died on November 30, aged 78. Better known at Jack Brunskill, he came from a family who have been closely associated with the theatre for over a century. His grandfather was master carpenter for the old Empire Leicester Square while his father held the same position for Rupert D'Oyly Carte, later founding the firm of scenery builders which still continues under the name of Brunskill

Jack Brunskill succeeded his father, and during the 1930s and 1940s the then firm of Brunskill and Loveday virtually monopolised the building of scenery for the London stage and were associated with the Cochran revues, Whitehorse Inn, Cavalcade, Oklahoma, My Fair Lady and many other West End successes.



A peculiar, polyglot pull

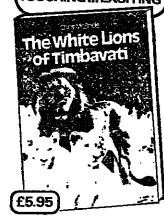
Travellers to Trieste By Nicolas Powell (Faber, £6.95)

Egon Schiele ran away there with his sister, and it was also in Trieste, we learn from Nicolas Powell's new book, that Freud, efter innumerable dis-sections, failed to find the sexual organs of the eel. The first art historian of Europe was murdered in his hotel and the killer was broken on the wheel, such things being still permitted by the Austrian Government in 1768. For Trieste, an immemorial frontier town where Latin, Slav and Tenton forces meet, was Aus-trian to all extents and purposes, for half a millennium, from 1382 to 1918. Chateaubriand put it another way: The last breath of civilizarion", he announced in 1806, experes on this coast where barbarianism starts", but then he didn't care for Venice either. Stendhal was appointed French Consul in 1830 and even for a Frenchman who knew how to enjoy himself delight soon turned to dismay. "It blows a bora twice a week", he wrote in the following February, "and a high wind on five days a week. I call it a high wind when I hold on to my hat and a *bora* when I am in danger of breaking my arm. The notorious blast off the mountains was no more tender with the British representative 40 years later, nearly hurling Richard and Isabel Burton's carriage into the sea. Such unlooked for excitements made poor compensation for the pose configuration for the posence of real pleasure and hard work. "Here is six hundred a year for doing nothing", said Lord Derby to Buston's predecessor Charles Lever, "and you are just the man to do it". Lever, like Stendhal, was at first enchanted by the setting of the city, but swiftly concluded: "of all the dreary places it has been my lot to sojourn in this is the worst".

swimming and fencing Burtons, allowing them a more extended Reviews next week include: Paul Johnson on Nations and States by Hugh Seton-Watson; Brian Alderson on In Pursuit of Coleridge by Kathleen Coburn: Philippa Toomey on Silence Will Speak: a study of Denys Finch Hatton and Karen Blixen.

Nicolas Powell writes with sympathy and affection for the

JAMES HERRIOT SAYS: `ABSORBING.. TOUCHING ... EXCITING



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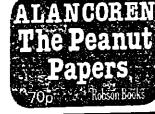
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figures in Travelling to Trieste, a brief and rather breathless exploration of an attractive, subtle theme. Mr Powell is an authoritative enthusiast on all matters Austrian and Viennese, and the peculiar, polyglot pull of Trieste even for someone who has never been there, like me—is felt most strongly today not in Venice or Rome, but in Vienna, where at least one faded stone tribute to the exciting securities of Austria Lloyd may still be picked out high on a building just off the

Ring. To the adventurers of Austrea-Hungary, in fact, Trieste stood for the beckoning South, the escape from the stilling centre, the end of the line. It suggested the erotic and profitable marriage of light and dark, whose nature is per-fectly summed up in a poster of 1913 reproduced here. A Teutonic white knight on a black charger clasps by the belly a naked Italian mermeid draped willingly across his caparisoned steed. They symbolize, one supposes, the beautiful truths of Trade; though the Adrivite herealth has been been the supposed of the beautiful truths of Trade; though the Adriatic herself has little by way of consumer goods to offer save a single rope of pearls.

Mr Powell understands and enjoys all this and the most seductive parts of his book concern Austrian interests, presence and influence: the Habsburgs—Maximilian, the Emperor of Mexico, who built his castle of Miramar in the 1850s, on the water's edge north of the city, and the Franz Josef's Empress Elizabeth who spectacular distant death-and the nineteenth-century mercantile houses, their lush, heavy interiors wonderfully pre-served as museums today. These comprise perhaps his

most attractive discovery. He is a man of wide cultural sympathies, but fin de siècle is perhaps his most natural element and not all his book is as evocative as this. The first part offers a potted history of Triestine architecture, whose

Fiction

I betrayed what I thought wes

right for what other people thought was right." This sen-

tence is spoken towards the end

of Patricia Wright's admirable

lourney into Fire, but the

whole book is a search for

constant independent minded-

ness, truth, and humanity in overcoming one's own and

other people's wrongs. Mrs

Wright has a remarkable gift

for uncomplacent souls and

scrupulous details. In unexpec-

penetrate the supports and

heart of misused power, in pub-

lic and in private: R. T. Plumb's

wonderfully written A Pebble

from Rome is set in England

of the 1930s, and Jessica Hamil-

ton's Baxter is universal and

most daring in its ideas and

The scale of Journey into Fire

Russian born in 1900. His par-

ents are exiled to a village for

complicated associations with

revolutionaries and he goes to live with his English grand-

resist relatively often, though.

respects, enjoys being civil to.

He emerges from prison and labour camp optimistic to an

technique.

Journey into Fire By Patricia Wright

(Duckworth, £4.95)

By Jessica Hamilton

(Collins, £4.95) À Pebble from Rome

By R. T. Plumb

(Harrap, £2.95)

and the second enumerates the foreigners who, however tenuously, were attracted by the exotic anonymity of Trieste, and the efficient tolerance of the Austrian police to visit or make their exile there: a whole stream of minor Bourbons, Bonapartes and Carlists, Schin-kel, Rilke, Busoni and Joyce. Only Italo Svevo was triestino by birth.

Travellers to Trieste is full of good stories and historical gossip, even though it is too short, but the publishers have not, I am afraid, served Mr Powell's enthusiasm well. As a writer he is attracted above all to visual and social curiosities and the format suiting his style best is the illustrated book—like his last, The Sucred Spring, a handsome, brilliantly-illustrated introduction to Viennese cultural life around 1900.

Travellers to Trieste contains a map of the Trieste area but not, incredibly, one of the city itself, and a mere 20 illustrations are squashed on to 12 pages in the middle of the book middle of the book.

The last years of the Austro-Hungarian Empire are fabulously rich in photographic material, but here only a tiny fraction of its articulate atmosphere may be guessed at-black bombazine figures cross-ing a white marble square; rigging and masts framing a neo-Classical church on the street-like Grand Canal. To employ a writer and art-histor-ian one of whose particular talents is to discover such unfamiliar, not to say arcane. unfamiliar, not to say arcane, phenomena of nineteenth-century taste as Pierro Magni's sculpture group Cutting the Isthmus of Suez and Lionello Balestrieri's painting, Listening to Beethoven (1900) and not to help him make his point by illustrating them is crazy. When time stops as curiously as it has in Trieste, the cameras should be there. Mr Powell and his subject deserve them.

Michael Ratcliffe

writes that, although Kolya is fictitious, she has drawn on historical records. Perhaps because of the vastness of her material (1900-68) there are a few generalizations that jar, mostly at the beginning, but past these har novel has its own creative her novel has its own creative life; I also recommend her first novel, A Space of the Heart, set in Russia during the 1850s and partly based on letters by one of her relatives who was a governess to the children of the governor of Kharkov. Patricia IV right is a right star of in Wright is a rising star of informative, easy-flowing fiction.

Mr Plumb's A Pebble from Rome is funny, tender and rousing. His main character, Con-way, delights in causing ample disquiet, as his wife would say, which is why they live in two houses: their country house is only four miles away from their town house, but when Conway starts hectoring his wife and adopted 10-year-old son on "armbands and carbolic acid, race " or "the shoe-polish powers" (blackshirts and brownshirts) who are gleaming, ted ways all these three novels neat and tidy, his wife, Wells, says to the boy, "Gordon, mov-

ing day". Gordon tells the story of their endless leaving and re-turning. Conway is a wishful talker who rarely does anything, who has inherited a fortune after being poor and for a short time in the early Thirties in-sists that only fastism will improve bim; his need for is large but Mrs Wright concentrates on one man who considers the twentieth century is specially his own: Kolya, a their isolated illusions remain their isola unquestioning devotion and iron a puzzle, almost superstitions, but Gordon's excited love, the but Gordon's excused the inno-guilty romanticism, the inno-cence of their local MP, are depicted without evasion. Mr Plumb, well-known for his BBC

are time scenes here of elegance, the enthralling music, the 50 varieties of bread sold at Filippov's bakery on the Nevsky Prospekt, the musics. Prospekt, the neglect of wretchedness. Kolya longs to be ordinary allegory on trials of strength. Baxter overthrows the power of an infirm woman and a composer but he joins the cavalry in 1917, which fights without horses or guns, using only knives and clubs. During a brief respite they discover that a baby, and he is in turn take over by a 12-year-old boy who controls him without affection Russia has become a republic and the narrative follows Kolya's gradual acceptance of communism, his loving marriage and whose commands Baxter challenges. But Baxter, who narrates about a third of the story with classical style, is a blue-eyed bull terrier with a to a loyal party member, his dismay at the ferocity towards Kulaks and his part in the vengeful bureaucracy. He does head like a hatchet and no lives by his own rules; his beastliness and freedom to and the book is particularly affecting on Kolya's torments in walk away from those he harms and destroys is coveted by the boy, though Baxter's inhuman differing with those he loves, irresponsibility doesn't go as far as the boy's thrills in domination, violence and reducing others to targets. Indifextent about the future and his ference around them makes them more fiendish, but this children. To me he seems to become invigorated by religion rather than politics but Mrs Wright is circumspect on his story is a work of art that shows the well-used power of growing inner strength. In a caring,



Taurus—from Ronald Searle's Zoodiac, an enchantingly funny picture book in colour of all the astrological signs (Dobson, £2.95).

The tyrannical Hen David Williams

Ada, Countess of Lovelace Byron's Legitimate Daughter By Doris Langley Moore (John Murray, £9.50)

Mrs Moore is so steeped in things Byronic that she has difficulty sometimes in standing away from the whole imang away from the whole anbroglio in order to take care of her sense of proportion. Here her book seems to gallop away with her, our of control. This is not to say that she is dull. On the contrary, the reader is regaled with a rich feast of fascinating detail; and there is a piquancy of expec-tation in never knowing what trail she will charge down

Annabella Milbanke, sole legitimately wedded wife of Byron whom he married on January 2, 1815, after she had played hard to get, bore him a child on December 10 of that year and left him for good five weeks later. This child was called Ada, and when she was 19 she married the long-lived, long-suffering Lord King, first Earl of Lovelace. Embedded in the multifariousness of this book is her biography. But the tyraunical centrepiece is really Annabelta Milbanke herself, referved to by her daughter and her sun-in-law as "the Hen"—though by reason of her struttings and her capacity to dominate and overpower, January 2, 1815, after she had

the sobriquet "Cock", how-ever sexually imagropriate might have been a better

The Hen is really Mrs Moore's chief concern. "My heart never had an opportunity of being much interested in the business" Byron told Lady Melbourne, speaking of his courtship; and how much better it would have been all round if he had followed his heart's promptings on this as he did on most other occa-sions. The Hen, holder of the sours. The Hen, notice of the purse-strings, nourisher of fieuds, do-gooder of the most repulsive kind, feeblest of poetesses ("You don't do much of this, I hope?" one of her many medical advisers daringly asked on being shown a sounct she had written on Harwell she had written on Harwell Lunaric Asylum), sufferer from an almost insane possessiveness, emerges from this book as a rich compound of the sinister and the comic. Charles du Bos, writing of her in 1929, spoke of "un être irré-prochable": Mrs Moore thinks the Hen had taken him in—as in her lifetime she had taken in many others, and this point is here persuasively, if perhaps too lengthily, driven home. Ada, who died gruesomely of cancer at the age of 37, is by contrast pathetic. She had strong mathematical ability and had much to do with Charles Babbage who came

near to inventing the computer and who, in old age, developed a consuming hatred of organ-grinders. But Ada was neurotic and sickly; her talents slowly drowned in a mixture of laudanum and brandy, she backed horses that failed to stay, got involved with unscrupulous adventurers, and ended by giving the Hen plentiful oppor-tunities to strike her favourity holier-than-thou-attitude.

The other female lead in the story is Medora Leigh. Was she Byron's daughter through incestuous connection with Augusta? Mrs Moore thinks not. She was iithe and long; Byroo (scarcely mentionable thought) was dumpy. Colonel Leigh's genes must have gone to the making of her. She was more strong-minded than Ada. She slipped clear of family ties by going off to the south of France with an entourage and more or less blackmailing the Hen into footing the bills. But she, like Ada, died young. Only Lovelace and the Hen were left, he to marry a widowed Mrs Jenkins not out of the top drawer; she, kept going by the sucking of relays of leeches intent to the end upon selfjustžiication and upon keeping the record crooked.

This is a delicious, meandering book which will bring rewards to any reader not pressed

lawny has over two dozen excellent illustrations, includ-

Derek Parker

Doing 'Tre' down one tramp, his overcoat to

By William St Clair (John Murray, £7.50)

Edward John Trekawny is one of the most fescinating of all walkers-on in literary history: he was, of course, the friend of Shelley and Byron who— though he knew the former for only six months, and the latter for 18—made their acquaintance the root of his fame (and to do him justice wrote by far the most vivid memoir of them).

exaggeration. But also, the the present biography while properly incredu-lous of anything his subject says, is also incredulous of stories told about him by This, it seems to me, results in a book which finally does him down his bravery dismissed as down, his bravery dismissed as mere bravado, accused of behaving generously to Mary Shelley merely in imitation of the poet.

Tre did act, dramatize, blus-

became in retrospect the ife of a corsair, and his heroic career in Greece (he guerrilla leader Odysseus
Androutsos, and finality was
almost assassinated by two
Englishmen in the pay of Mavrocordato) brought him
neither glory nor riches—only almost assassinated by two Rosalie Glynn Grylls's 1950. Englishmen in the pay of Mavrocordato) brought him neither glory nor riches—only Odysseus's 13-year-old half-sister as one of his four wives.

Back from Greece, recovered from his injuries, the rest of wental role. To Mary he was a his life was aimless: a short charmer with "an eir of extravere good patterns when he

title suggests, a great liar, elopement to Purney, and Baron Munchausen, to him, being guilty merely of slight fire-eater became a vectotal regeterian recluse who left London to farm in Monmouth-shire. But his Recollections made him once more as famous as when he had returned to Rugland after the state of the sandy state. of others' opinions of itim.
This, it seems to me, results in a book which finally does not solonghi. The end of his life solonghi. was spent, again in sectusion at Sompting with a young "niece", bundles of newspapers for cushions, and generosity so lunaric that be would give away his books to

of his mouth remarkably mild and sweet, and his voice extre-mely low and gentle". (She, incidentally compared him to the actor Kean, a shrewd observation.) There was more to Trelawny than bluster and emulation, and I'm sorry Mr St Clair

finds him an egotistical bore, a loudeh cad. Indeed, one wonders why a biographer so little in sympathy with his sub-ject should have persevered in setting ham down.

Portrait of America

Edmand Wilson: Letters on Literature and Politics 1912-Selected and edited by Elena (Routledge, £12.50)

At the age of 65 Edmund Wilson, who had been an edi-tor of New Republic, literary editor of the New Yorker, and author of a number of books of fiction and criticism, began to learn Hungarian. Two years later the was bitterly dis-appointed at the thought that he was too old to take up the study of Chinese. He knew French well, having served in France as a hospital orderly in the 1914 war, as well as German and Irahan. Russian he earned so that he could read Pushkin, and Hebrew "so that I can lecture to Waldo Frank about the Jewish Genesis". (five pages of comment to Gilbert Higher on his The Classi-cal Tradition start off: In the Middle Ages, you fail to

the Maddie Ages, you fast to mention Hrotswiths, the German tenth-ceutury nam, who wrote Latin plays in imitation of Terence..."). At 72: "Dear Elena, Do you know of any place in Cambridge—or New York—that would have a grammar of Old Slavonic?" Wilson was not however, pri-marily a linguist or a scholar. It was to the enjoyment of

literature that, from an early age, he devoted himself with a passion that others give to music or politics, and because he disliked reading things at translation the learned the languages he needed He seems to guages he needed. He seems to have had an almost Macauhave had en almost Macaulayan capacity to absorb the printed page (age 73: "Have also, in the course of my programme of gerting through, before I die, all the celebrated books that I thaven't read, been reading Macaulay's history. It is really a wonderful book. ...") and to have approached with equal zest Homer in Hungarian, modern Haitian novélists, and the Dead Sea scroble.

But literature was a part of life, and some of Wilson's best letters are about politics, friendship, and travel. In the late Twenties he found himself getting "more interested in American affairs every year, and have come to the conclusion." and have come to the conclu-sion that the United States is probably now the most in-teresting part of the Western world." By 1962 he was writ-ing: "I think this country is in a mess and I don't approve of anything that the govern-ment is doing." In between he had had a period when he was absorbed in Marxism, and spent five mouths in Russia

though he saw through Stalin much sooner than most Thir-ties' leftists. nomer. Handsomely produced, Tre-The letters and records of "The letters and records of writers of genius are one of the only ways we have of finding out how life was really lived in any given time or place." Wilson was not a writer of genius, but his letters have the vitality of "life really lived". Here he is criticizing, correcting facts ("a stickler for accuracy"), exhorting friends and acquaintances to ing a fisbulous photograph of the old man at the end of his life. But it does not displace Rosslie Glynn Grylls's 1950friends and acquaintances to get on with their writing and to read the new and old books he is continually discovering extreme good nature when he smiles, which assures me that his heart is good", and Fanny Kemble found "the expression and reciscovering. There is no artifice in his style; he is not one of those letter writers who give the impression of looking over their shoulders at waiting posterity. He writes with the same direct program of lifelens. same direct vigour to lifelong friends like Scott Fitzgerald and John Dos Passos as to strangers who ask his advice.

This is a long book, over 700 pages, but continuously absorbing; the portrait of the past 60 years of America seen through literature. It is sad that there has been nobody to perform the same posthumous service

E. C. Hodgkin

Crime

Stories of the Railway By V. L. Whitechurch (Rousledge, £3.75) Captain Incognito By George Gibson (Nautical, £3.95) xit Sherlock Holmes By Robert Lee Hall John Murray, £3.95) Winter's Crimes 9 Edited by George Hardinge (Macmillan, £3.50)

Christmas is pop-poppling all around us, time to look at crime as a game. And nowhere better to start than with a delicious facsimile reprint of Canon Whitechurch's 1912 collection to which has been added a scholarly and warm foreword by Bryan Morgan and from which have not been subtracted advertisements for Epps's Cocoa, "Antipon for the permanent suppression of fatness " and a couple of dozen more. Whitechurch's hero, Thorpe Hazell, alas, is not so Myrna Blumberg much a person as a device for railway facts coupled

with references to the value of the plasmon biscuit and Swe-dish exercises which have no discernible effect on the whole. But the stories are a ouzzier's challenge.

The railways were particularly fitted of a certain stories, I think, because of a certain fundamental contrast between their ordained times and tracks and the schemes of criminals to set them astray they reflect an ordered universe and the discuptions of the spirit of evil. Crime on the high seas does

not have quite the same weight-giving implicit symbo-lism, but when a crime story is set on board and the writer knows his ship life there is memendous satisfaction to be got. George Gibson certainly has this primary qualification has this primary qualification and he has created a charming central character, too, in his retired merchant captain taking an incognitio cruise in a cargo carrier with a mystery in her past and sloudduggery dead ahead. Some of the subsidiary characters are a little black and whate and events finally get plainly out of hand but the liveleness and the rootedness

of sea life amply compensate. The Day of the Peppercorn Sherlock Holmes was the Kill, by John Wainwright epitome and prime mover of (Macmilian, £3.50). What the the puzzle story and it is a released prisoner did. An

tribute to Consu Doyle's vision that Holmes books regularly appear from imitators even today. Robert Lee Hall adds a quick whist of the Edwardian theatre and a substantial dousing in science fiction to the customary mixture of London fog and rathing hansoms and as plot the mixture works well, though he lets too much contemporary clutter get in the way of his story.

None of the stories in the

newest collection of Winter's Crimes originals metables up to that highest snandard. But there are some that would well there are some that would well repay 20 minutes' fighting off exhausted sleep on Christmas night. James McChure's set among children, Manguret Yorke's foreign bolkday fantasy and P. B. Yufill's Londoner's look at life are particularly recommended.

Murders Anonymous, by Elizabeth Ferrars (Collins, 13.25). A perfect alibi, yet a suspect. This professor's story is ingenious, but it is also ringingly true, unexaggerated and right. Setting: London and cliff-

excellent book, gripping, worryingly memorable. Every judge and magistrate should be

The Nice Murderers, by David Delman (Collins, £3.25). A how-to-get-bim-off set in New York Scott-Fitzgeraldiand, Heck of a lot going for it. Curning misdirections, absorb-ing father-and-son theme,

Parting Breath, by Catherine Aird (Collins, £3.25). If you'd enjoy the modern student getting a hearty roustabout, go whodumniting in familiar Calleshire. But could learn from Christie about digressions dangers.

The Month of the Mangled Models, by Robert Player (Gol-lancz, £3.75). Murder at the Academy Banquet, mid-1860s. Suspect Ruskin. Investigate Rossetti. Visit Kelmscott. Have fun, if not as well-matured as

A Ring of Roses, by Christianna Brand (W. H. Allen, 52.95). Not what we have been raping for since 1955 but a pseudonymous paperback reprinted, a glossy about a TV

H. R. F. Keating

Robert Dougali

water and is living in warm enough temperature it be happy, more or less regardless of the size of its cage or aviary." William Blake, for one, will be turning in his Henry Douglas Home is con-

cerned, as all of us are, about the annual mass staughter of swallows and small migrating song-birds in Europe and North Africa. In Italy alone each automn it is estimated that three bundred million are massacred. On my recent world map I was saddened and sur-presed that no sea birds followed the shap, even across the Pacific. Can they have known she was flying the Italian

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As the Birdman of Scottish the Douglas-Home parents radio, Henry Douglas-Home themselves were of an engag-As the Birdman of Scottish once persuaded the BBC to ingly eccentric turn of mind. send all its precious sound equipment to The Hirsel, the insist that on train journeys family home near Coldstream the boys wore three sheets of in Berwickshire, in an attempt The Times wrapped next to to capture on disc the hoot of their skin, maintaining that if a tawny owl. The result was a they did not wear newspaper triumphant success and the they were bound to be sick on recording rapidly became one the train. It almost makes one of the most prized in the BBC's feel that a society should now or the most prize in the state of the formed to protect that most several years later that his highly endangered species the younger brother William British landed gent.

finally came clean and owned up to having made the hoot himself. Dotty, delightful anecdotes with a Wodehousian flayour abound throughout the book and, not surprisingly, as Apparently, Mama used to

natural sanctuary with a hundred species nesting there and a great number of visitors as well. His is the countryman's unsentimental approach. He is particularly sound on game birds and regards birdwatching as peaceful offspring of shooting:
"Hiding in inpenetrable "Hiding in inpenetrable thickets waiting for pigeons the length of a snowing winter afternoon teaches you more

than any book." At Eton he became intrigued with swifts and later designed nesting boxes for them which be hung below the windowsills at The Hirsel. Prence Philip, on a visit there, was so im- "Caging a bird is not cruel. As pressed that he promptly long as it has regular food,

The Hirsel estate forms a ordered twenty five to be fixed on the terrace or Wandsor. There is so much interest and sincerity in this book and

so much expertise that the occasional vagueness may be forgiven—as when he says: "When the breeding season is over most of our sheldnick leave for a brief stay in Holland, no one quite knows why." Surely it is common knowledge that most of the adult British birds fily off to the Heligokand hight for their annual moult, as they are safe there in remote sands during their flightless period?

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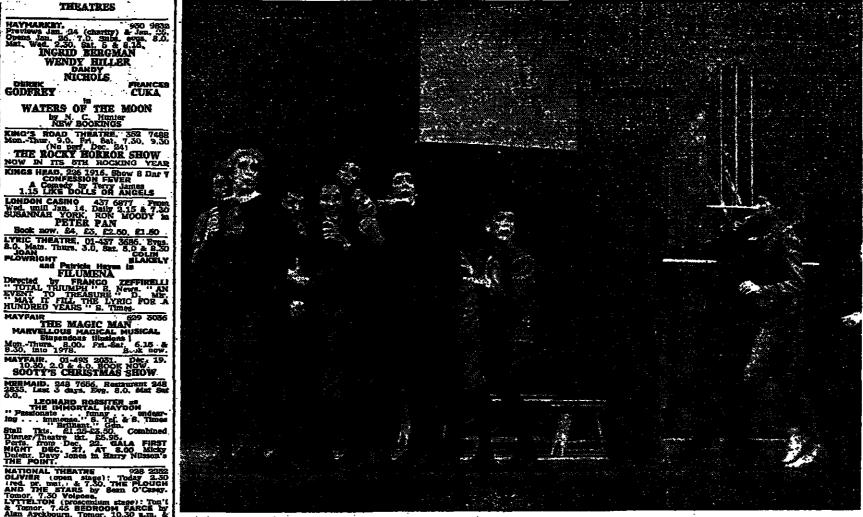
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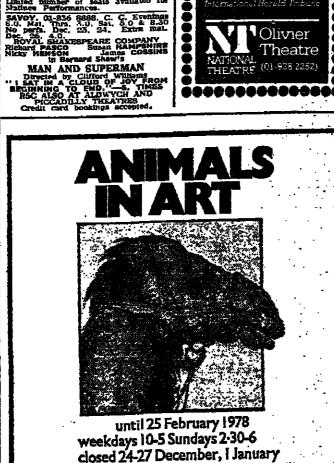
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The choreography similarly combines two elements. I would be inclined to describe the big vaich six partners as an adap-terion of an exhibition tango into a classical adagio, and Chint Farba's solo as a typical bravura piece with overtones from the ballroom. But both are so nicely balanced between two influences that you could probably out that description the other way round.

The essential point is that by this mixture Van Manen has found a way to give a purely plotless work a distinctive flaplotiess work a distinctive in-vour. To give just one exam-ple, there is a recurring motif-of a pose on one knee, a characteristic feature of the tango but transformed by the beautifully judged angle of legs, torso, erms and head into a perfect image of classical ballet

Rodi van Dantzig in Gesang der Junglinge seems to have rediscovered and revitalized a form that has been unjustly out of favour lately, the character ballet. He uses three groups of characters. There is a class of schoolboys, bursting a class of schoolboys, bursting with aggressive pre-pubescent energy, and the dominering schoolmistress seen through their eyes as a huge, stern figure. Van Dantzig achieves this effect by confiding the role to one of the companys ballet masters, Reuven Vorenberg, who plays it wearing a long skint to bide wooden busling with soles that most be nearly 18 inches high.

As a counterpoint to their activities, a group of four adolescent schoolboys is shown discovering love and sex. The third element in the ballet is

tionship. Wade Welthalf and Hilf Svaversdottir play them looking rather like characters from a French film of the Fif-ties, an impression accentuated by using an actual film sequence of their past

This film is watched by the schoolboys, and at another point in the ballet some of them throw snowballs at the disconsolate man. But for the most part the three layers of the baller are kept separate although sometimes seen simultaneously on different parts of the stage. The implications of how filecting life's hopes may prove are left for the spectator to read into the action, and I found them all the more reli-ing for that.

form as a non-narrative character baillet, Gesang der This particular piece, with the time, with gruesome effect its fragmented tape of snatches of boys' singing, is tonally much more attractive and easily accessible than most Stockhausen, but it remains a disconcerting structure and Van Dantzig's treatment of it is thus an impossition, the effect the programme included. heightened by interpolating a Chopin étude for the lovers' parting.

woman, meeting unhappily in a entry for the men in costumes snowy street and apparently that are a clever cross between unable to resume a past rela-modern basier costumes and antique military uniforms.

Some of the accompanying women are even tricked out with huge wings like guardian angels, although once those are removed their function seems to be that of camp followers. The irony is underlined later in such episodes as a solo dur-ing which rows of men on either side of the stage slowly prime and load their long oldfashioned guns, then shot down the soloist in mid flight. There is also a duet for

Jeanette Vondersaar and Sinceretti during which a dummy is hung from a scaffold at the back of the stage and used for bayonet practice. Each time one of the blades enters the duntary's guts, Sinceretti winces with a premonition of the fate that may await him at the war.

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been substituted for it. The might use Chopin, setting the action in a close relationship whereas previously choreographers have tended to use this composer's scores as accompaniment or vague inspiration.

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The programme included also a batter created earlier Chopin étude for the lovers' also a halter created earlier this year by Van Dantzig to Strank's choice of music is also unexpected, because we do not associate his modern outslook with the grandiose airs of Lully and Philidor. Pyrrhic Dances II starts with an entry for a rather advanced work. On women's ensemble which is this programme it looked overlaid with hints of aggressiveness in the use of heads and hands. Next, the pompously

Khovanshchina from the Ukraine

How many in the class know electric precision which kept the real meaning of the last Mussorgsky opera's title Khovanshchina? . . . Well, neither stein's realistisches Musik-did I until the Ukranian State theater found themselves transtion's sixtieth anniversary.

irkutsk Story, by Mark Kar-minsky, opened with a Kho-vanshchina which provides consoling news for afficiousdos

craftly it they come from east-ern Europe, still take a Berlin debut very seriously indeed, and very soon after the curtain parted on Act I it became obvious that for this engage-ment Stepan Turtchak, the company's chief conductor, had rehearsed his forces to razor thermess leaving awome to man, made a particularly nomenclature strong impression, enduing the Patriotic War. performance with brio and tension and conducting with an

one bolt-upright, astonished.
Admirers of Walter Felsen-Opera came from Kiev for a ported back to an operatic four-day guest stint in the German State Opera as part of houses of the western world East Germany's fraternal celebration of the Russian revolutions of the Russian revolutions. ers come first, and also second

An unusually informative and third; then comes the orprinted programme revealed chestra and only then, finally, among other things that when come the opera's dramatic the news of Prince Ivan Kho- values—a problem with which among other things that when the news of Prince Ivan Khovansky's uprising reached Tsar Peter I, he ejaculated, "Khovanshchina!"—his spontaneously invented term for past experience with Soviet Khovansky's escapade. This Berlin engagement, which continued with Lucia di Lammermoor and a contemporary disappointment in general, the soloists proved unexpectedly Irkutsk Story, by Mark Kar-Irkutsk Story, by Mark Karminsky, opened with a Khovanshchina which provides consoling news for afficionados of genuinely grand opera, for they may find it still alive and well in distant Kiev.

This production dredged out of my preconscious a line about imperial Russia's rulers written long ago by I no longer know whom: "The Russians come, dripping pearls and vermin..." Fyedor Nirod's sets for this production rely heavily on painted fiars, to an extent today considered impressive with especially distinguished performances by Vladlen Gritsyuk as Khovansky, Anatoly Kotcherga as Dosifei, the leader of the Old Believers, and Galina Tuttina as Marfa. Anatoly Mokrenko, who sang the role of the boyar Shakloviti, bears that most exaited title of all, People's Artist of the USSR, and that puzzles me, for in most of this performance faulty technique spread" his tones distressingly. impressive with especially dis-

to an extent roday considered extensive use of the chorus old-feshioned in the western and oh, what a chorus we world, but his opulent, barheard here! Even in pianisbaric costumes contribute simo passages, the timbre these world, but his opulent, bar-baric costumes contribute appositely and importantly to the general atmosphere of pearls and vermin.

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One of the most quietly reassuring features of Brirish musical life in our time has been the series of string quartets on which Elizabeth Maconchy has been engaged for the past four-and-a-half decades. She has, of course, a large and varied output to her credit, but it is in her quartets, I suspect, that she had made her most lasting con-tribution, for the medium seems particularly to suit her style of tough, thematic argument and expressive power.

Tuesday saw the unveiling of the eleventh in the cycle, a premiere falling happily within Miss Maconchy's seventieth birthday year. That much was accident, however, for the work was commissioned as a 650th birthday present for the Wor-shipful Company of Goldsmiths, the City Music Society thus paying homage to the guild whose magnificent hall it regularly uses. Yet those circumstances are peripheral, for the work is

no celebratory or occasional piece, rather a further serious step in the line of quartets, which Miss Maconchy has created with such singleness of mind.

Like its two immediate predecessors, this eleventh quartet' is a compact work, playing for about a quarter of an hour. It is continuous, but it proceeds' through five quite clearly distinguished sections, ending where it begins, in show music of vehement chords and tightly Maconchy has suggested that the construction is novel-like, the themes being characters which "grow and develop in a variety of situations", but I am not sure that the analogy is helpful. For one thing, what is most impressive about the quartet is not the personality of the themes but the Barrokian ferocity and ingenuity with which they are worked, even when the texture is placed rather than, as it more usually is, contrapuntally active.

Miss Maconchy can hardly have hoped for a more earnest and impassioned performance than this first one by the Lind-

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Joan Chissell

In these days of commercial sponsorship of the arts it would have been no surprise to learn that Tuesday night's concert had been promoted by the Spanish Tourist Board, in support of all those glossy holiday bro-chares now dropping through our letter boxes. The amount of coughing in the hall certainly suggested that most of the audi-

ence badly needed a trip to sunny Spain. The concert was in fact one of the RPO's normal winter series: the Spenish guest con-ductor, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos had merely opted to spend all but his last 20 minutes on native soil. Popular as the programme was, seats might not have been quite so well filled but for the presence of a guitarist, Carlos Bonell, as soloist in the Concierto de Aranjuez by Joaquin Rodrigo, 75 last month.

Its hauntingly nostalgic cen-tral Adagio was feeling enough played even to silence the coughers. Rhythmic neatness in the opening movement, tone-colouring in the cadenza and

nimbleness of finger in the finale, where Rodings could well have remembered the many sets of lute variations on folk-tunes originating from sixteenth-century Spain, were other things to enjoy from Mr Boneil. Discreet emplification took care of balance.

Besides Turina's three exuberant Denrate Fantastics the pro-

ant Danzas Fantasticas the programme included two pieces in which Ravel, born on the Bas que coast, definitely crossed the border, the pavane pour une in-fante defunte and Alborado del gracioso. Wizard though Ravel gracioso. Wizard though Ravet was in all his orchestration, both pieces (like Mussorgsky's Pictures which he also scored) are arguably subtler in their original keyboard form. The castanets and tambourines of Alborado del grazioso, for instance, are swely more telling. ance, are surely more telling when merely suggested than when actually heard, and climwhen actually heard, and climaxes for full orchestra can easily sound brash in comparison with their keyboard equivalent.

Mr Prühbeck de Burgos brought up the colours as brightly as could be. In Stravinsky's Firebird suite, too, the orchestra knew exactly where orchestra knew exactly where they were with him and gave him incisive response. There

Glen Tetley's new work for Rambert

Gien Tetley is working on his new creation for Ballet Ram-bert (his first new work for a British company since 1972), which will be in rehearsal until January 31 when it is presented at the Opera Theatre of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester at the start of the company's two-week

season. While with the company he will also revive Rag Dances, cludes originally created for Ballet Kemp, Rambert in 1971, which uses a Garden commissioned score by Anthony to pr. Hymas and is designed by houses Nadine Baylis. Nadine Baylis. Nadine Baylis. will also design his new work, set to an early string quartet by Webern. The new ballet will have its London premiere on the first day of the company's two-week season at Sadler's Wells

making a new work for Rambert to be given first at the Theatre Clwyd, Mold, on February 14. Teking as its starting point the statue of Laocoon, it offers an unusual modern pers-Designed by Nadine Baylis, it uses a sound collage devised by Carlos Miranda. This will also be performed during the season at Sadler's Wells.

was some delicate shading from

them, too. The bassoons made the most of several important

The forthcoming tour which includes visits to Manchester, Mold, and Swindon, also includes performances of the Kemp/Bruce speciacle, Cruel Garden, which has been playing to packed and enthusiastic houses throughout the autumn

A transmission date has now been fixed for Colin Near's Omnibus film profile of Christopher Bruce, Ballet Rambert's associate director and week season at Sadler's Wells principal choreographer. Entitled "Ancient Voices of Children" it will be screened on BBC 1 on January 26.

Deft but abysmal conjuring

The Magic Man Mayfair

Irving Wardle

This feebly anglicized Chicago musical contains some deft con-juring by John Wade, who puts the swords through most of the female talent, escapes from a massive set of stocks, and winds up the evening by transforming the girl of his choice into a large

but I do not feel like putting Goddesses, and whose

production. You say tomayto and we say tomato, but it remains the same old fruit: in this case an example of the American taste for winsome Victorian parody, crudely splicing a mortgage melodrama with a theatrical romance, and Victorian parody, crudely splicing a mortgage melodrama with a theatrical romance, and featuring Paul Bacon as a bank-

featuring Paul Bacon as a bankrupt theatre manager who almost loses his premises to a
villainous mesmerist before Mr
Wade comes to the rescue.

The whole thing is written in
a mixture of romantic clichés
and puns too childish to raise
even a groan. The plot requires
you to see the villain both as
a fraud and as a true hypnotist;
and to accept the manager as the girl of his choice into a large shaggy dog. My colleagues were talking knowledgeably about mirrors; but there is pleasure simply in watching Mr Wade handle a pack of cards or manipulate a thimble.

All this, alas, occupies only a small part of an otherwise abysmal evening. Some liberates have evidently been taken the original work of old actor chaopie, who nevertable manager as a bosning old actor chaopie, who nevertables were taken to state the original work of old actor chaopie, who nevertables were taken to state the original work of old actor chaopie, who nevertables were taken to state the original work of old actor chaopie, who never taken to state the original work of old actor chaopie, who never talking is written in the whole thing is written in the whole thing is written in the work of the whole thing is written in the w with the original work of old actor chappie, who never-Barbare and Anthony D'Amato, theless essays gags about Green

theatrical never-never land even beyond the range of children. Aside from Mr Wade, who goes through the evening like a plumber who has dropped into a madhouse to do his job and so home, the company follow Mr Bacon's lead: it is all kick exits, waxed moustaches, pla-cards inscribed "Mortgage" or "Our Hero", baleful dimin-ished sevenths from the hardished sevenths from the hard-working pianist, mock-operatic selections along the lines of Disney's Dame Clara Cluck, and woeful ad libs to cover the sound of expiring punch-lines. The production, in short, is indistinguishable from what it is satirizing.

The Clash at full strength

The Clash Rainbow

Ned Chaillet

given, usually without a men-tion of their songs. Certainly without a mention of "I'm So Bored With the USA".

from the punks by calling them selves "new wave", the Clash still play the driving, relentless songs that forced the invention of the pogo-dance.

"Career Opportunities", the group's bitter, harsh song about unemployment and in a song borrowed from reggae, "Police and Thieves".

Ned Chaillet

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venue in London, but their punks and White Riot and John are saying something about with a forcest of English punk rock, have picked Johnny Rotten and the Sex Pistols for special praise. The Clash, in the record reviews I have seen, are rejected without reasons given, usually without a mention of their songs. Certainly come up with some of the strongest lyrics in rock in the

punk stardom.

One of their two warm-up With the Sex Pistols banned from live performance almost everywhere, the Clesh have become the leaders of the punk bands in Britain. Unlike the Stranglets and other bands who wish to dissociate themselves of the punk bands in dissociate themselves of the punk bands in Britain. Unlike the set to bring his Jamaican-styled warble into the punk bands in dissociate themselves of the years.

Lead singer Joe Strummer, Sham 69, show even more raw excitement than the Clash, if much less musicianship, and their lead singer, Jimmy Sham Pursey, makes Mick Jagger look like a tired old man.

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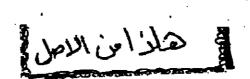
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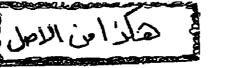
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renezuela oil host in Mid-East trip to heal Opec prices split

From Roger Vielvoye Caracas, Dec 14 Dr. Valennin Hernandez, Venezuela's Oil Minister, flew out to the Middle East late last out to the anomot to persuade the more influential members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

another serious disagreement over oil prices. A government spokesman issued a denial playing down the significance of the flight and maintaining it was quite normal for Dr Hernandez to consult with his colleagues in Opec before an important meet-

(Opec) to postpone their December 20 meeting here rather than see it divided by

was thought to be the meeting of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Ospec) scheduled to start in Bahrain today. Seven of the Arab members of Opec are attending the meeting: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait. Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Iraq, Algeria and Libya Dr Hernandez would be well placed to visit the Iranians if necessary. A government source said he would also be

Ovec had set itself the target of reaching an agreement over prices before the ministers arrived in Caracas for next

week's meeting. But over the last few days it has become apparent to the hosts that there is still a very wide gulf between the moder-ares—Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Iran and now Qatar—who want a freeze on prices and the hawks, led by Iraq, who favour rises of up to 23 per cent.

The great fear is that this lack of agreement could pro-duce a split in the organization as happened at Boha, last December, However, failure to agree in Caracas could have more serious consequences for the organization because the moderate camp has been strengthened during the last

he will be able to produce the agreement that would enable the meeting to go ahead; but, if the gulf remains at the end of his unofficial discussions, he will suggest that next Tuesday's meeting is postponed.

The idea of a postponement rather than another public fight over prices has come from President Carlos Andres Perez.

of Venezuela.

Publicly, the high feelings running between the various Arab states over the Sadar initiative would be the official reason for the postponement.
Within the organization it is not thought that the position of Algeria, Lybya and Iraq as bitter opponents of the Sadat peace moves is likely to have any real effect because as Operhas a remarkable record of managing to keep political squabbles between various members our of the business of

fixing oil prices. Postponement of a decision until next month could easily be handled by oil industry which has considerable experience of implementing retroactive price rises.

The Orpec meeting in Bahrain will not be tackling oil pricing topics on its agenda, and any meetings that Dr Hernandez has with the Arab members will be on a strictly unofficial basis. Babrain: Shaikh Yamani, Saud Arabian Oil Minister, said his country continued to insist on the necessity of keeping oil prices frozen in 1978.

He said he had not heard of suggestions for postponing the meeting in Caracas.

Mr Auni Shaker Hammedi, Iran's representation

Iraq's representative was quoted in the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Walan as saving pro-posals for a price freeze were unjustifiable because growth rates in consuming industrialized countries were increasing. Dollar link: Mr Jack Bennett, senior vice-president of Excon

Corporation, said in New York that oil exporting countries had rrenginened during the last made no requests for a move away from the dollar as the Dr Hernandez is hoping that chief currency for oil payments. soared, sales of larger wheeled toys in which Tri-ang special-ized have dropped substantially.

Receiver is appointed at Tri-ang

Pedigree

A receiver has been appointed for Tri-ang Pedigree, the Merthyr Tydfil toy and pram company which was rescued by Airfix with the help of govern-ment cash in 1975.

The move was announced last night efter Airlin, which owns 56 per cent of the equity, in-formed the Department of Industry, the other shareholder in Triang, ther it was not pre-pared to take up further shares in the company without further government support.

Once part of the failed Lines Once part of the failed Lines Brothers group, Friang Pedi-gree came under the wing of Airfix in a rescue deal which involved the Government put-ting up loans of £2.25m and agreeing to make grants of up to film to cover 90 per cent of

Since then the Tri ang man-agement, Airfix and the trade unions involved have worked closely with the Government in trying to reestablish the com-pany as a successful business. Until the spring of this year progress was being made towards break-even, and Airlix in its annual report in March said that sales of the company had doubled and lesses had been considerably reduced.

Since then, however, sales have fallen, and with no reasonable prospect of an improve-ment Airfix has said that it cannot continue to operate without further substantial cash assist-

However, me Government has decided that no further help can be provided from public funds and the Triang directors have had to inform the Government as main debenture holder that trading could not continue.

The Government's involve-ment in the group came in May, 1975, when closure of the 400worker company seemed immi-nent. Its decision then was heavily influenced by the closure of steelmaking at the Ebbw Vale plant.
Fronically, the skateboard craze which has stimulated the toy industry in recent months is

thought to have been a big fac-tor in Tri-ang's demise. While skat-board sales have

UK groups miss share in £1,250m telephone contract from Saudis

Saudi Arabia has placed a telecommunications contract worth more than £1,250m with a consortium of Dutch, Swedish and Canadian companies. British companies failed to get any of the work. The award, for the extension of Saudi Arabia's automatic telephone

network, has gone to a group which includes Philips of The Netherlands, L. M. Bricsson of Sweden, and Bell Telephone of Canada. An Angio-American consor-sium including Western Elec-tric, Plessey, Cable and Wireless and BICC bid for the project, believed to be the biggest ever undertaken in telecommunica-

domestic market for relecom-munications equipment. Plessey said last night that it was "disappointed".

There was some confusion last night over the precise size of the contract. It was suggested that, although the winning bid had been in the region of £1,250m, the size of the contract plead might in ferr contract placed might in fact have been significantly higher. A spokesman for Philips said that the largest part of the work—supply and installation of equipment—would be shared between the Dutch company and Ericsson, Bell would

Success in the Saudi Arabian Plessey said last night that a contract would have been a factor which might have played major boost to British companies which are facing a thin contract was that Ericsson was already a supplier to the Saudi Arabian telecommunications Arabian

sortium will install about half a million telephone lines in 72 cities and towns. When the project is completed, Saudi Arabia will have a total of 750,000 lines—about 25 lines for every 100 citizens in the big cities.

Work on the scheme is ex-pected to take about three years. The Bell company said that the project would create about 500 new jobs for

Bank of England predicts a 'more hopeful phase' for the economy

Financial Correspondent The economy may be entering "a more hopeful phase" but there must be no let-up in the fight against inflation, according to the latest edition of the Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin.

With a stronger balence of payments, the Bank says it would be reasonable to hope for a more sustained expansion. In the short-term the Bank is holding for a current account belance of payments surplus of £2,250m in 1978 and growth in the gross domestic product (second half of 1978 compared with second half of 1977) of 3 per cent, just about enough in the Benk's view to prevent any further rise in unemploy-

. The Bank gives a warning, however, that akthough there is the prospect of a substantial balance of payments surplus in both 1978 and 1979, the actual outcome will depend on the course of the world recession and the degree of stimulation the British Government applies to the domestic economy.

will be an important factor for Suntory, Japan's biggest dis-tillery group, holder of 11.1 per cent of the Gienlivet equity, which imports a small but im-

portant proportion of its new fillings from the British dis-

tiller. Thus it is not thought likely that Suntory will consider a counter-bid or any other obstruction of Seagram's terms.

The Canadian-based bidder it-

Although the Bank sees the above average performance of the American economy over the last couple of years as a hope-ful feature on the international scene, it adds that previous

Glenlivet board accepts new Seagram offer

the international economy have now been repeatedly falsified. It has perhaps to be accepted, the bank says, that the reasons for the present recession could continue for a considerable

If that does prove the case, then, the Bank adds, there is a limit to how far a single country such as the United Kingdom, even with a new-found source of oil, can so against the general trend.

Looking at the balance of payments from a more domestic viewpoint, the Bank stresses the desirability for the current account to remain in surplus. On this count, the Bank points to the \$16,000m of external debt falling due for repayment between 1978 and 1982, the fact that North Sea investment inflows will rail off and that some flows will tail off and that some types of long-term outflow can be expected to increase, and the unhappy consequences of previous periods of currency account weakness.

To keep the current account strong, the Bank argues, the Government must not go for an ambitious growth rate that merely serves to eat up the balance of payments surplus in increased consumption. As it is, the Bank argues, any improve-ment in the non-oil balance is

year to end-December last) should increase substantially

After acquisition, Glenliver's previously announced capital spending programme will be completed and further facilities

will be added in response to

The forthcoming balance-

sheet will reveal net assets with a book value of £16.8m, includ-

ing maturing stocks at £13.2m. However, a replacement cost balance-sheet will value distill-

ing assets, excluding bottling

over a period of time.

demand.

sects Scotch whick industry and with halls and other plant, at about for access to Seagram's resources £3 per gallon, or £18m, while dis-Glendwet's sales (£18.91m in the maturing whisky stocks could per year to end-December last) be about 50 per cent over book.

in 1978 than in 1977, while an internal growth rate above the projected 3 per cent could only weaken the position. It is not merely for balance of payments considerations, however, that the Bank is against excessive government stimulation of the economy. It is also concerned about the monetary

consequences of excessive pub-lic sector stimulation to the economy. Stimulation through an excessive increase in the Public Sector Borrowing Re-quirement the Bank says, would be self-defearing and would merely force up interest rates sector activity.

On monetary targets, the Bank says that in formulating new targets next year "the posture of monetary policy, while accommodating a moder ate rate of economic expansion, must clearly be such as to take full account of the need for inflation to be reduced". The Bank believes that it will

take more than 12 months to get inflation adequately under control. Until that can be accomplished, inflation would remain the country's major

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The Stock Exchange which

saw a 113p jump in the Glen-

livet share price ahead of Seagram's first offer, is still screening the deal to decide if there is a basis for an official investigation.

In brief

Minimum lending rate likely to stay at 7 pc

The Bank of England yesterday made it clear that it wishes to see no reduction in its 7 per cent minimum lending rate With the possibility that this

week's slight fall in yields on Treasury bills might open up room for a small cut in MLR tomotrow's weekly Treasury bill tender, the Bank made its wishes clear to the discount houses by forcing a number of them to borrow a

'moderate" sum at MLR for The bank pointed out that correction in short-term interest rates was made three weeks ago and that it had sub-sequently confirmed its wish for stability at the 7 per cent

level on November 30. It feels that, so long as there is no big alteration in circumstances, the present level for MLR is the right one and that there should be no reason for a change to be contemplated before the new year.

Receivership law changes urged

Suggestions for a number of suggestions for a number of improvements in receivership law and practice have been made to the Insolvency Law Review Committee by the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies. Among the committee wain reconstructions mittee's main recommendations are that receivers should advertise their appointment and notify creditors and that a statementof affairs should be made available sooner than at present.

statutory power to obtain the statement of affairs and that he should be required to circulate a summary of it to creditors. A further recommendation is that include a reconciliation with the statement of affairs and that this information should be available to creditors, liquidator and the company.



Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the National Union of Mineworkers (left), with Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, and Sir Derek Eara, chairman of the National Coal Board, yesterday at the 300th lunch of the Coal Industry Society. Mr Callaghan told the gathering that the Government's f321m energy conservation programme would provide several thousand jobs.

Barclays selling its S African bonds

Barclays National Bank, the South African subsidiary of Barclays, is to sell its Rand 10m (£6.45m) worth of South African defence bonds. Mr Bob Aldworth, managing director, said the bank had decided to "exchange" its investment in defence bonds "for higher yielding government stock".

Shoe imports ruling

There is no case for protec-tionist measures against cheep non-leather shoes imported from Pacific hasin countries because alternatives cannot be produced in the United Kingdom, the Department of Trade has been told by the British Importers Confederation.

NEB names first of new regional boards

The National Enterprise Board announced yesterday the composition of the first of its new Regional Boards, for the Northwest. They are: Mr J. L. Dickinson, former

be about 50 per cent over book.

Net profits, as revealed by
the bid documents, will be forecast at around £3.7m after a
subnormal tax charge for an
exit price earnings ratio of 12.5.

On a full charge, on the other
hand, Seagram will be buying
Glenhiver at well over 20 times
prospective earnings.

The Stock Earhange, which managing director of SKF (UK) who will act as chairman for an interim period; Mr Donglas Farrar, regional secretary of the Transport & General

Workers' Union; Mr David Harper, chairman of Storey Brothers of Lancaster; Mr Harry Harrison, chairman of Simon Engioeering; Mr Kenneth Millichap, senior partner in Josolyne Layton-Bennett & Co, Chartered Accountants; Mr Anthony Mould, chairman of the Seel House group; and Mr Arthur Ward, permanent direc-tor of the NEB's Northwest

Japan Line's loan plea Japan Line, the shipping com-

pany, is to ask the semi-official Japan Development Bank and 13 commercial banks soon for permission to defer for managing director, said the measure was necessary because of a slump in world shipping.

£9m order for Wearside

Workers employed by Sunderland Shipbuilders on Wearside received a pre-Christmas bonus yesterday in the shape of a cargo liner contract worth about £9m which has been placed by the Unilever subsidiary. Palm Line. The order is likely to have attracted a subsidy of about £2m from a subsidy of about £2m from the Government

Germans alarmed as dollar slumps further

The dollar tumbled to new lows against the Swiss franc and the Deutsche mark in hectic and confused foreign exchange trading today. One dealer in Frankfurt des-

cribed the day's events as unbelievably crazy". The dollar fell to around DM 2.1170 before recovering slightly to be quoted at \$2.1330 in the late afternoon. In Zurich the dollar, which

yesterday fell below 2.10 francs for the first time, was quoted in afternoon trading at 207

The erratic weakness of the foliar is causing growing alarm in West Germany. The Federal Bank, in its latest monthly re-ort which was published to-lay, said that the effective re-aluation of the mark had this up with a credible energy appreciably weakened the interistional competitiveness of The Federal Bank also dis-

losed that it had absorbed M9.000m of foreign exchange is a result of intervention serween the beginning of betober and the end of last teek. Dollars wirth DMZ.000m ere bought by the bank in the iss nine days of this mouth. Implications of the dollar's reakness for the German eco-omy will be discussed tomor-ow by the central council of the Federal Bank in Frankfurt. The meeting, which will also be ttended by Otto Graf Lambs-orff, the Economics Minister, nd Herr Manfred Lahnstein, he State Secretary in the inance Ministry, is expected

How the markets moved

3p to 80p 3}p to 56p 10p to 154p 40p to 550p

25p to 132p 11p to 124p 10p to 134p 15p to 370p

27p to 570p 10p to 450p 5p to 62p

quities railical on the trade

di-edged securities were firmer.

ollar premium 93.75 per cent flective rate 36.37 per cent, terbing gained 70 pts to \$1.8475, he effective exchange rate lodes

he effective exchange rate index as at 63.4.

rate from 3.5 per cent. Today the Belgian National Bank raised its bank rate by two percentage points to a record level of 9 per cent in a move that was thought to have been coordinated with the German monetary authorities.

But foreign exchange dealers argue that a German bank rate cut will have only a marginal effect in restoring confidence in the United States currency. The sources of the dollar problem are regarded as being in Washington.

Dr Wilfried Guth, one of the managing board spokesmen of the Deutsche Bank, said that the United States should make

Sterling quiet: Sterling was not rery strong today as fears about the political situation overshadowed the improvement in Britain's trade performance However the pound closed unchanged on the day on the effective rate index at 63.4, and

Dealers in London reported a sudden uplift in dollar when New York came into the market, but were not certain who was buying. The Federal Reserve denied it was the purchaser. The dollar then fell back again and closed at record lows against the yen as well as against the Swiss franc and

Seagram has won boardroom acceptance for its second bid, worth 247m, for Glenhivet Distillers. The cash price of 510p per share compares with the 440p per share value of the initial approach and included in the revised rerms is an undertaking that Glenlivet will remain an autonomous unit with main an autonomous unit with all rights of employees guaran-teed, and that all sales con-tracts will be honoured. To relieve four fifths of the

of planning agreements deal

Mr John Methven, director general of the CBI, said yesterday that CBI members were as implacably opposed to planning agreements as they were to Bullock. points higher against the

9p to 470p 13p to 392p 7p to 267p

5p to 205p 2p to 53p

Oil Exploration 10p to 300p

Phoenix Timber 13p to 500p
Phoenix Timber 13p to 150p
Rolls-Royce Mrs 4p to 644p
Simon Eng 13p to 200p
Snia Viscosa 10p to 35p
Union Discount 10p to 435p
Wms J. Cardiff 2p to 35p

Gold gained \$2.50 an ounce to \$150.125.

SDR-S was 1.20555 on Wednesday while SDR-E was 0.652177.

Commodities: Router's index was at 1,437.4 (previous 1,439.9).

self takes 35.2 per cent of Glen-liver's output on a 12-year annual roll-up contract. It be-lieves that the acquisition is an stamp duty, Glenlivet proposes a four-for-one capitalization issue. If approved, the offer will be adjusted accordingly. important step in augmenting its existing investment in the CBI rejects idea

The Confederation of British Industry will not do a deal with the Government on plenning agreements in return for dropping the Bullock proposals

Speaking to industrialists in Nottingham. Mr Methven said: "We accept the need to make individual companies aware of the reports of the industrial sector working parties of the National Economic Development Council and we have been actively pursuing this But we shall steadfastly oppose the imposition of either planning agreements planning discussions

The Times index: 200.50 -1.94

The FT index: 474.0 -2.9

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Trafalgar House buys 'Investors Chronicle'

By Sheila Black By Shella Black
Trafalgar House will almost
certainly buy The Investors
Chronicle today. Outline agreement for the sale of Throgmorment for the sale of librographic ton Publications, which publishes the business weekly, is likely to be concluded during the day between Trafalgar House and the joint owners of Thrognorton, the Financial Times and International Publishes Communications.

ishing Corporation. The price will be about £1.2m plus cash for the £200,000 in Throgmorton, making a Trafal-gar House outlay of £1.4m, generally thought to be a high At least one lower offer has

been the subject of negotiation for some three to four weeks past, but the deal fell through for reasons other than price and Mr Victor Matthews's in-terest had already been made clearly known during the

This week there were further coundings from another company, but they came after a few days' option had already been granted to Trafalgar House which recently bought the Morgan Grampian magazines for more than £20m and is now forming a newspaper

division. The Investors' Chronicle, in a healthy sales and profit situa-

tion some three years ago, has been losing sales and profits latterly and Trafalgar House believes in the future for a lively business weekly. Ronald Pullen writes: Throgmorton Publications also pub-lishes the IC Newsletter, a successful small circulation tipsheet, and through its Fundex subsidiary controls the personal savings magazine Money magazine Management. Latest circulation figures for

The Investors' Chronicle show weekly sales of around 28,000 of which about a faith are or postal subscription. Although sales have picked up by almost a tenth since the

magazine's revemp in August, sales are well down on their 45,000-50,000 peak during the last bull market in line with the decline of interest of the private investor in the stock market. Current pre-tax profits of Throgmorton, which include a substantial investment income, are thought to be running at between £70,000-80,000 a year, with the bulk of its trading profits deriving from the

Profits surge to £46m

Trafelgar House, the group Newspapers for £13.7m, increased its pre-tax profits by 38 .per cent ro £46.4m last

The results from Beaver-brook are only included from July 1—Trafalgar's year end is September 30. During that period the newspapers made a loss of £239,000.

Mr Victor Mannews, the papers were now profitable, but that they were entering a difficult period of the year. Results so far were not a significant indication of the

The sharpest improvement in the group came from the which controls the Cunard shipping, aviation and hotels shipping line and which division, where trading profits recently bought Beaverbrook rose from £9.4m to £17.7m. Hotels had performed particu-larly well. Cargo liners were only slightly better. The QE 2 had a very good year and con-tainer ships continued to

prosper. (included in the figure for the division) were £3.9m compared with £1.73m in the comparable 12 months. Turnover for the whole group was £587m against £471m, including overseas sales of £240m (£200m).

Earnings were 18.6p per share and the dividend for the year is equivalent to 7.8p gross. Financial Editor, page 27

Montague L Meyer Limited

Interim Report

UNAUDITED GROUP RESULTS

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			6 months ended 30th September 1977 £'000	6 months ended 30th September 1976 £'000	Year ended 31st March 1977 £'000
TURNOV	ER	-	121,000	106,000	222,000
	PROFIT preclation erest Payable		10,602 (1,261) (2,436)	11,059 (1,149) (1,959)	22,228 (2,386) (5,290)
Share of R	lesults of Associa	ted Companies (N	6,9 05 ote 1) 565	7.951 (2 90)	14.552 (257)
	EFORE TAXATIO	ON (Notes 1 and 2)	7,470 (3,628)	7.661 (831)	14.295 (1.516)
Ext	FTER TAXATION raordinary Item nority Interests	ť	3,842 (119)	6,830 (193)	12,779 (648) (428)
	VAILABLE FOR	APPROPRIATION	£3,723	£6,637 · ·	£11,703
EARNING	S PER SHARE	(Note 2)	6.8p	12.1p	21.4p

Note 1: The Group's share of the results of associated companies includes an extraordinary surplus of £248,000 on the disposal by the Hallam Group of Nottingham Ltd. of its Cabinet factory and the taxation charge includes £100,000 in respect of this item.

Note 2: Taxation is provided on the basis of a corporation tax rate of 52% for the full year and takes account of anticipated stock relief and capital allowances. This is in accordance with the Company's accounting policy for deferred taxation which was adopted in the accounts for the year ended 31st March. 1977. The taxation charge for the six months ended 30th September, 1976 has been restated to comply

Since September profitability has been maintained at a satisfactory level but the strength of sterling in relation to the currencies of some supplying countries may cause a temporary reduction in margins in the last quarter. However, some increase in demand is expected during 1978. The dividends on the Preference and Preferred Ordinary Shares for the period absorb (5,000 (1976 £5,000). The Board has declared an interim dividend of 1.7p per share on the Ordinary Share Capital, which will absorb £928,000 (1976 1.3p per share which absorbed £709,000). Holders on the register on 9th January 1978 will be entitled to receive with the interim dividend a supplementary dividend of 0.04346p in respect of the year ended 31st March 1977. These dividends

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Preliminary Announcement : Arthur Guinness

for Crown

An alegation that the Crown Agents agreed to postpone indefinitely repayment of a £2,5400,000 loan to a property

company was rejected by the Court of Appeal yesterday. The court had been told that the loan to Murrayfields Securi-

ties had been agreed in December, 1973. The company

discovered that it was between £700,000 and £800,000 more

The Crow nAgents refused to accept immediate repayment of

the excess, but, it was alleged,

they orally agreed not to

enforce covenants for the repayment of the principal or

interest on the loan before the mortgaged properties had been

The existence of the oral

agreement was alleged by Mr Philip Frederick and Mr Hyman Solomons, of Roebuck House, Palace Street, West-

minster, and 53-67 Baker Street (Investments), of Holborn Vaaduct, London, who were sureties for the loan.

In the High Court last May, Sir Robert Megarry, the Vice-Chancellor, gave judgment

1975/76

Operation

Construction

Profit before tax

Profit after tax and

extraordinary items

Profit

£'000s

13,476

14,758

37,610

33,615

21,615

14.2p

3,995

9,376

Holborn who were

Agents

Total of 318 industrial and agricultural imports will benefit from April in 8-point package Japan to cut tariffs by average of 23pc

By Caroline Atkinson

The Japanese government today announced details of tariff curs on a range of industrial and agricultural goods. The cuts, which will be implemented from April 1, amount to an average 23 per cent reduction on a total of 318 items.

The present 6.4 per cent tariff on imported cars will be abolished, the 13.5 per cent tariff on computers cut to 10.5 per cent and the tariff on colour film cut from 16 per cent to 11 per cent.
Together with a rise in quotas on some agricultural goods, these cuts are part of the eight-point package which this Japanese trade negotiators took to Washington this week.

As expected the extent of the reduc-tions is quite limited, and will not go very far to help foreigners to penetrate Even the Japanese recognize that a

much wider range of tariff cuts and a liberalization of agricultural imports would be required to satisfy their trading partners.

Strong opposition within Japan to any significant easing of import restrictions has limited the action which can be

By Paul Routledge

Bonn, Dec 14

Labour Editor
A call to the Government to

undertake a capital reconstruc-tion of the financially-troubled

state steel industry was made vesterday by the Transport and

General Workers Union which pledged "total opposition" to

enforced redundancies.
The TGWU, which has about 20,000 members in heavy steel,

galvanizing, tinplate, construc-tion and in white-collar grades,

also insisted on a campaign to

The West German Govern-

ment is prepared to provide

financial assistance to help in

the restructuring of the steel

industry in the Saarland. Otto

Gram Lambsdorff, the econo-

mics minister, said today. But

under way to group the Saar steel works with the Arbed con-

their new structure.

Transport union shop export stewards and officials meeting the Union London drew up an 8-point would be programme which is designed subsidy.

Union urges capital

cut British Steel loss

Bonn aid for Saarland Steel

reconstruction to

taken by Mr Fukuda the Prime Minister. The pressure from America and Europe, and in particular its manifestation in terms of a higher yen may strengthen the hand of the Japanese government against domestic business

and agriculture.

The major block to increased imports in Japan is its inefficient distribution system. Large mark ups on foreign goods make them uncompetitive. The sharp rise in the yen in the last few months is now having an effect on export profits and growth. In fact exports have been moving sideways rather than upwards recently. With a floating exchange rate the Japanese are discovering that it is not possible for exports and imports to

continue to grow at very different rates. The problem which has not been solved is how to boost the home economy and ring in more imports. The Japanese are still extremely reluctant to allow manufactured imports to penetrate home markets. They are more likely to propose stock-piling raw materials to close their

to be organibed labour's contri-

bution to the argument on how the industry should cut its huge

losses, now running at around £500nt a year.

A key item is that "the Gov-

ernment should acr to improve the financial position of the BSC by reducing the debt bur-den". Union leaders say that-

interest payments are running at £212m a year and should be cut substantially. British Steel has rejected this

argument on the grounds that it would provoke retaliation in

export markets—particularly the United States—where it would be seen as a Government

been estimated that invest-ments of between DM700m

(£175) and DM800m will be

needed to streamline the Saar

steel industry and it appears that Bonn would be prepared

There will be an average rate of tariff reductions of 31 per cent on industrial goods and 15 per cent on agricultural goods. The quotas for beef sold to hotels and oranges (both imported from the United States) are to be raised, as are those on nine other agricultural products.

EEC trade surplus talks start tomorrow

Michael Hornsby writes from Brussels: Japan's large surplus on trade with the EEC, and the measures planed by the Tokyo Government to reduce it, will be examined at talks in Brussels tomorrow between Mr Roy Jenkins, the President of the European Com-mission, and Mr Nobuhiko. Ushiba, the Japanese Minister for Overseas Eco-

Announcing this to the European Parliament yesterday, Mr Jenkins said that the Japanese measures seemed "to go in the right direction", but just how far they did go would be the main question he would be raising with Mr Ushiba. This was a matter of "vital

... At the urging of Mr Calaghan, who concern about the destabilizing and deflationary effect on the world economy of the Japanese trade surplus, heads of government at their summit meeting there last week asked the Commission to 'intensify' its con-sultations with the Tokyo government. It is estimated that the EEC will have a deficit in trade with Japan this year of \$5,000m (about £277m) compared with \$4,200m last year.

Tokyo and US fail to agree on measures

During three days of meetings here, writes David Gross from Washington senior Japanese and American officials have agreed that the growing trade imbalance in favour of Tokyo is an embarrassment to both sides, but are divided on the measures needed to remedy the situation. ment departments

But he has gone no further than an offer of improved tariff and quota arrangements and promises to stimulate

Appeal finds | Foreign profits from N Sea expected to

cut invisibles surplus By Our Economics Staff

Britain's invisible payments sumplus, which was £2.344m last year, has probably passed its peak because the drain of foreign profits made in the North See will build up substantially

in coming years. An analysis of Britain's invisible trade in the last 20 years is published in a special article in the Bank of England bulletin. It shows how the proportion of invisibles in Britain's total overseas earnings is much higher than in most other countries, although only slightly

bigher than in America. Since 1973, however, the growth of gross earnings from iovisibles has not been as fast as that from exports of goods, although the net surplus has

continued to grow.

Invisible trade consists of a mixed bag of items ranging from the financial services of the City, tourist earnings, and other services to the interest, profits and dividends (IPD) on foreign-owned assets, and trans-

been most buoyant in recent years although in real terms it seems that the growth in earn-

ings was considerably less between 1972 and 1976 than in the previous six years.

The composition of the IPD account has changed in the last few years. Public sector pay-ments on their overseas debt have built up significantly.

Distribution of national debt

An article on the distribution of national debt shows that the bulk of the £10,500m rise in the year to end March 1977 was in market, or non-official, holdings of debt. These in-creased by £9,700m.

The proportion held in gilt-edged stock increased from 66.5 per cent of non-market debt to 68.7 per cent. The total nominal outstanding national debt was 567.976...

Oil exporters' surplus funds dwindle

The surplus funds of the oil exporters have dwindled stead-ily throughout this year from an estimated £11,000m in the first quarter to £8,000m in the

third quarter. Much of this was in long-term investment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

25pc surrender rule -a misconception

From Mr P. G. B. Wills Sir. Your readers have not

over recent weeks, suffered from a shortage of Lord Balogh's views on exchange controls, and now Lord Kaldor has added his weight to the arguments against relaxation. Unfortunately, they both appear to suffer from a basic misconception on the subject of the 25 per cent surrender rule, and I am sure they would not wish this elementary fallacy to call into question the credibility of their main argument.

The debate on exchange controls and on the 25 per cent surrender are on two completely different topics and not, as they appear to assume, on two sepa-rate aspects of the same subject. The discussion on whether the relaxation of exchange controls relaxation of exchange controls and any consequent increase of investment overseas, is good or bad for employment and the economy, is a matter of macroeconomic policy which can best be debated by deverer folk than me. The 25 per cent surrender, on the other hand, is nothing to do with this erudite debate; it is a matter of simple bookkeeping, and of great importance, therefore, to those whose ance, therefore to those whose task is actually to make money for the country, and not simply to theorize about it.

The 25 per cent surrender is only a transfer from the pro-ceeds of the sale of foreign ceeds of the sale of foreign currency securities to the official reserves, in other words, from one type of United Kingdom external esset to another. If their lordships doubt this proposition, then they might usefully see how long it takes them to discover the single reference to the surrender in the CSO publication United Kingdom balance of payments, 1966-76. For the purpose of boosting the reserves it was, when it was necessary, a credible emergency measure to credulous people. In the long term, however, it is counter-productive for obvious reasons. In the first place, because it is levied on sales of securities, it can be avoided with absolute simplicity by investors retaining their securities rather than P. G. B. WILLS, Council Room, The Stock Exchange London EC2N 1HP. December 12.

selling them. As a consequence, investment managers are neither maximizing their income from interest and dividends, nor are they maximizing the capital value of their invest-

ments. One curious effect of the surrender, therefore, is that those who might wish to self foreign currency securicies and reinvest the proceeds in the United Kingdom are dissuaded from so doing by government

These and other ill effects of the surrender have been well rehearsed publicly in recent months, and indeed have been broadly accepted by the Gov-ernment. None the less, no action has been taken largely because of the misconception, mentioned earlier, that the abolition of the surrender would result in an outflow of capital from the United King-

Capital transfers are governed by the exchange control regulations. These provide that port-folio investments can only be undertaken with investment currency, which must be pur-chased from a "pool" arising largely from the sales of other foreign currency securines. The 25 per cent surrender subtracts from this "pool", but its aboli-tion would not add to it (except insofar as there would be a negative subtraction), nor would one pennyworth of sterl-ing be diverted into overseas

The fact is that the 25 per cent surrender is no longer needed to window dress the United Kingdom official reserves, and the call for its abolition is nothing to do with the debate about the relaxation of exchange controls. This simple fact appears to be a mystery not only to eminent economists but to the Government and the Treasury es well. Those con-cerned with the simple day to day management of business might well be excused some exasperation at the apparent ignorance of those in command of our macro-economic destiny. Yours faithfully,

Council Room, The Stock Exchange,

EEC code for companies in South Africa

From the Secretary of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and others Sir. The code of practice for British companies operating in South Africa is about to be replaced by a new EEC code of conduct, and a greater emphasis will be placed on industrial relations, and on other aspects of employment practices such as job advance

Recently the Department of Trade admitted that they have been unable to make on accurate assessment of the effectiveness of the present code because companies have not supplied them with enough information.
May we therefore make a strong ples that the British
Government in implementing the new code, ensures that the companies concerned provide detailed reports which will make possible an effective assessment of their operations in South Africa. If this is not done, what point is there in introducine new code? Yours faithfully

DEREK R. FARROW (Rev).
1 Central Buildings,
London SW1H 9NP; R. BERESFORD, General Secretary, Roman Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace; L. R. PALMER,

United Reformed Church; C. H. SWORN, Financial Secretary, United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Honorable mechanic

From Dr F. Llewellyn Smith Sir, Mr Brookman (December 8) might like to know that Sir 8) might like to know that Sir Henry Royce always referred to himself as a mechanic. He claimed that this was a more honourable description than "engineer", but of course, in view of his lack of qualifications, it night have been a case of sour grappes. of sour grapes. Yours faithfully DR F. LLEWELYN SMITH, 4 Ragian Close,

Reigate, Surrey RH2 0EU. December 8.

An air pollution smoke-screen?

From Professor D. Bryce-Smith a major contributor. His letter Sir, Only the naive will be refails to mention whether the assured by the rather defensive CEGB is actually doing anything claim (Letters, December 7) to prevent the emissions of from Dr Chester, Director of the supplier dioxide, etc from the CEGB's Research Laboratories, that the CEGB has a lot of people working on the environ- evidence that the CEGB is not mental effects of the air pollu- up to the classical ploy of using tion to which the CEGB is such a flurry of research into effects

CEGB's chimneys Can Dr Chester provide us with any

Cementation

as a smoke-screen behind which causes continue unabated? Yours truly,
D. BRYCE-SMITH,
Professor of Organic Chemistry,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 2AD

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Business

support the effort through givagainst the sureties. The Apeal Courft dismissed an apeal by Mr Frederick and ing guarantees and subsidizing interest rates. Despite the gravity of the Mr Solomons, but allowed an appeal by 53-67 Baker Street he made clear that any assistance would be conditional on the companies in the Saar producing a realistic concept for third quarter. Despite the weakness of the dollar the oil exporters appear to have invested a slightly higher proportion of their surplus in the United States in the fers of capital such as govern-ment aid payments and remit-(Investments). (Investments). The effect of the Appeal Court's ruling is that Mr Frederick and Mr Solomons are tances sent home by foreign workers. heir new structure. that a "beggar my neighbour" At present negotiations are policy of subsidies in Europe The services element has liable for the full amount of was not the way to solve the industry's problems. the loan which, with interest, now amounts to £3,574,889.

Hotel Bristol

Property and investment

Shipping, aviation and hotels

Less: Interest on funded debt

Newspapers (from 1st July 1977)

RESULTS for the year ended 30th September 1977

Profit

£'000s

15,966

16,857

17,664

(239)

50,248

3,834

46,414

30,164

18.6p

Turnover

£'000s

29,920

310,486

222,596

24,260

587,262

(1976 - 471,314)

Net assets

Trollope & Colls 7 City & West End CUNARD BROCKLEBANK

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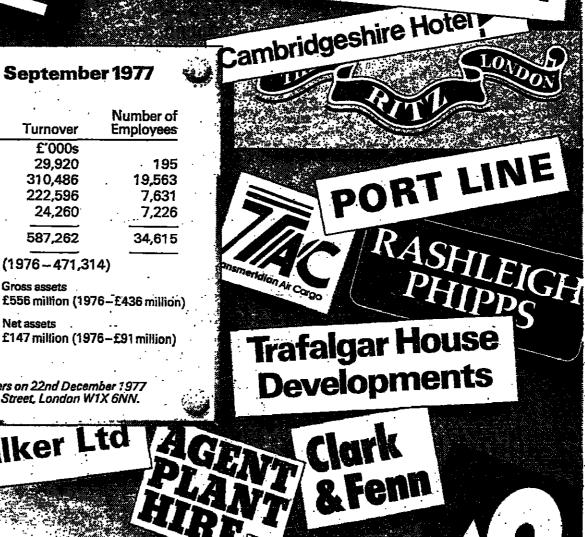
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The spending spree at Trafalgar

expectations. Profits for the year to September are 38 per cent higher at £46.4m with shipping, aviation and hotels nearly doubling their contribution, but the shares All 144p are not on a rating for a growth ecastock, despite the fact that profits have trebled since 1972 and earnings per share have more than doubled. The yield of 5.4 per cent and p/e ratio of eight, is in fact, very close to the market average. There price has not kept pace with events.

Opinion, however, is divided. An investment in Trafalgar House now is seen as a question of faith. Either the management an invest the cash flow which is flooding in profitably, or the growth will slow down leaving the group as a disparate mixture of diversified areas with no clear linking industrial logic.

Its past record on acquisitions is good. Cunard is held up as the best example of its flair. Criticizm of that acquisition was as strong as it has been of the acquisition of Beaverbrook, and yet it has proved a strong earner.

Trafalgar supporters believe it can do the same in newspapers and publishing. Its detractors say that there was considerable good fortune in the success of Cunard and that Beaverbrook and publishing are very different propositions. But the scale of the new investment needs putting into perspective. So far Trafalgar's investment in Beaverbrook is limited to the £14m purchase figure. The risk in the context of a group which spent £85m on fixed assets last year and still reduced borrowings (down to around £200m at the year end) is not substantial. But whether the gains are potentially substantial is a different

The group is determined to invest its cash flow. If it stayed still it would start paving main stream corporation tax by 1981. Tax management though is not a reason on its own for substantial spending. The alternative would be to build-up the cash halances as has been done by GEC and look for a way of increasing the return to shareholders. Although the dividend was increased by 90 per cent with the rights issue it is now covered 3! times by earnings and could stand to be substantially

Growth by acquisition may allow the real ceturn to grow faster. But organic growth for the current year looks assured, and so for the current year looks assured, and so does the prospect of further acquisitions.

Property revenues are now coming through quite strongly and all sides of the tonfracting division, except for the specialist piling companies, did better last year. Housebuilding at last looks to be

Guinness

The guestion of earnings quality

Arthur Guinness shares down about 10p to 184p after virtually static-full ear pre-tax profits of £39.5m were revealed he stock market seems to have over-reacted; t is true that Guinness is becoming more lifficult to assess. About 25 per cent of motits now come from non-brewing activiies, and if adjustment is made for interest in investment borrowings, the bulk of which vent into overseas brewing, the contribution s higher still. Guinness has become a kind of mini-

ouglomerate. It embraces five sectors other han brewing, and one of them, general ading, almost doubled its profits to £6.3m. verseas turnover makes up 24 per cent of be £498m total, with Ireland adding another 10 per cent. On the brewing side, it is the werseas markets-West Africa and South last Asia-which provide the growth. It is vorth stressing that Guinness is the only inited Kingdom brewer successfully to have liversified-widely outside its home base.

The decline in brewing profits to £29.2m s attributed to especially poor results in reland, and price control and lower conumer spending in both Ireland and Britain.

n fact the alcoholic drinks sector as a vhole is about the only one in which real pending has risen over the last year, but Juinness has suffered from being a relaively expensive product, and from a longer-erm change in fashion reflected in its

narket-share falling for several years. The market's uncertainty centres on the waliry of Guinness's earnings. The Nigerian meration, in which about £7m is currently peing invested, has defied the critics and mofits are continuing to rise. But it suffers

Trafalgar House has more than lived up to from high inflation and arbitrary price con-expectations. Profits for the year to trol, and there is always the fear of expropriation lurking in the background. The logic of acquiring the other companies in manufacturing, trading and retailing is not immediately obvious: eyebrows were raised at the announcement of a 51 per cent stake

in DG Leisure Centres. At about 5.9 per cent the yield is above average for brewers, and the shares are selling at about nine times earnings. On the assumption of much better consumer spending next year, some analysts are even fore-casting £50m profits. But the doubts about the quality of earnings and the corporate strategy mean that investors might feel safer with a more generous yield margin over the sector average.

The Bank calls for restraint

The threat to the Lib/Lab pact and talk of a November trade deficit had lopped 9.7 points off the FT index by midday yester-day. But the mid-afternoon news of a £218m November surplus quickly saw most of the lost ground recovered, while gilts finished the day with gains of up to \(\frac{1}{4}\). Whether that will prove enough to drum any great enthusiasm for the new short "tap" on offer this morning remains to be seen, but the Bank's signal that it is not looking for any drop in MLR before the holiday is hardly going to encourage those who might have going to encourage those who might have been looking for a quick " turn ". Meanwhile, the gilt market should at least

find the latest Bank of England Bulletin much to its taste. The fight to ensure that inflation continues to come down, and then stays down, is clearly top of the Bank's list of priorities. This, the Bank argues, requires that the formulation of monetary targets for next year, though allowing for real growth in the economy, should take account of the need for inflation to be reduced.

By inference, the Bank also argues for restraint in stimulating the economy. Stimulation through an increase in the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement would be self-defeating, it says, if it led to excessive monetary growth which, in turn, forced up interest rates. There is no indication, however, as to the kind of PSBR figure that the Bank regards as the happy medium.

A point of interest to holders of the Government "floaters", incidentally, is that the Bank officially admits to having bought in stock (against sales of other stocks), helping the price to remain reasonably



• The new cider excise duty is having an even more catastrophic impact on Bulme whose chairman is Mr Peter Prior (above) than even the company expected with a 14 per cent volume decline in the half-year to the end of October translating into a slump in pre-tax profits from £2.95m to £1.23m. For a group that is almost wholly dependent on one product and which has made only desultory efforts to expand overseas the gearing is necessarily high and while that has worked in its favour in the last few years the new turn of events has hit it with a vengeance.

Since last September the excise duty has added 28 per cent to selling prices which combined with two price increases in the latest reporting period has pushed up prices by some 45 per cent to a level where the earlier price advantage over beer or wine has been whittled away entirely and that has hit off-licence sales in particular.

Despite a further 7-8 per cent price increase last month sales have got off to a better start this half though the 10 per cent increase seen in October has not been followed through since. So pre-tax profits may be only some £21m this year against last year's £3.9m for a fully taxed p/e ratio of

Economic notebook

Hand in hand down separate roads

After a period of blood-letting in the public sector, like that in 1976 when Cabinet ministers twice had to axe spending programmes, it is usual for White-hall to rediscover the virtues of stability and continuity in the conduct of public expenditure. There is every indication that There is every indication that the annual expenditure White Paper to be published in the middle of pext month will re-flect a fresh endorsement of these virtues.

How far in this direction the coming White Paper will go will soon be clear. But at the most senior level in the Treasury the view is that stabi-lity can best be achieved if growth in public spending is modest. Opinion appears to be

modest. Opinion appears to be hardening in favour of a proposal that will limit the growth of public spending to about 2 per cent a year.

The choice of a 2 per cent growth path would, on the face of it, appear to be somewhat arbitrary. It is a little below the historical growth rate of the economy as a whole and its choice would seem to owe much to the present preoccupation with reducing the tax burden and making more resources and making more resources available to the private sector. But it also raises wider ques-tions about the role of public spending as an instrument of

demand management.

There has always been a conflict of objectives in public spending policy. On the one hand, the efficient provision of nain, the efficient provision of public goods and services re-quires a minimum of disruption and dislocation. On the other, if public spending is to be used as a regulator of the economy, rising when business activity in the private sector is depressed

Opinion appears to be hardening in favour of a growth limit to public spending of 2 pc a year

decreasing when private sector activity revives, then some disruption of planned gov-ernment expenditure is unavoid-

Admittedly, there have long been doubts about the use of public spending as an economic regulator because of its disruptive effects on many programmes, like road building and nationalized industry invest-ment. But would stability actually be any greater if the growth of public spending were directly related to the expansion of the economy as a whole?

Clearly, if a 2 per cent growth path for government spending were maintained regardless of what was bappening elsewhere in the economy, then a greater degree of stability in spending programmes would be achieved. However, if it is the intention that the relationship between public spending and overall economic growth should be a firm one, then this could have

a very de stabilizing effect.
A moment's reflection reveals why. For, under these circumstances a fall in overall economic activity would, by dint of the rigid growth relationship between the private and public sectors, mean that government spending would also have to be curtailed. By contrast, when verall economic activity was at high level, government spending would similarly be permit-ted to rise.

In a nutshell, instead of public spending being used in a counter-cyclical fashion, accord-ing to Keynesian prescriptions, it would accentuate the and troughs of the business

This is surely not what the Treasury can really be propos-ing. Of course, it is valid to ask

argued that public spending was an exceedingly poor instru-ment of demand management. The problem is that, in the nature of government expendi-rure projects, there are large time lags between the decision

to make changes to planned spending and the execution of such decisions. It can take one or even two years to get a project off the drawing board and into the construction stage. By this time, an economy that might have been in recession when the decision was taken may already have recovered. While it may take rather less time to run down a project, this cannot be done overnight. A bridge cannot be left half built, reither can new factories be abandoned at a dangerous

This has led many people to argue that, while it may have been the intention in the past to use public spending as a counter-cyclical instrument for managing the economy it has counter-cyclical instrument for managing the economy it has used as such.

used as such.

As an extension of this proposition it is usually argued that tax cuts are a far superior method of stimulating the economy, because their effect is more immediate. This is also a view shared by senior Treasury officials.

However the argument is not

However, the argument is not as clear-cut as it is sometimes presented. For a start, there is no guarantee that individuals will spend the extra income re-

will spend the extra income re-sulting from the tax cuts. What has surprised many economists in the past few years is the high level of bousehold savings. Tax cuts may simply end up in Post Office savings accounts or building society de-nest; accounts posit accounts.

Furthermore, even when tax cuts lead to higher spending, there may be a tendency to buy imported goods or goods that are produced by capital intensive methods and therefore create few extra jobs
Public spending tends to lead

to more employment and fewer imports than tax cuts, at least in its first-round effects.

So where does this leave the argument for using public spending as a regulator of demand management? To some extent, the answer depends on the wider policies being pursued by the Concentrate to the time. by the Government at the time and the prevailing constraints

For better or for worse, the Chancellor and his advisers now believe that the tax burden is too high. In support of this is too high. In support of this case they observe that a married man on average earnings will this year be paying about 22 per cent of his earnings in income tax, compared with a tenth in 1960, If he were earning only two thirds of the national average he would still be paying about 16 per cent of his income in tax, compared with less than 5 per cent in his income in tax, compared with less than 5 per cent in

The converse of this is that public expenditure has risen steadily as a proportion of national output. On present projections the proportion in the financial year 1978-79 will be about 43 per cent.

If the tax burden is to be reduced, then public expenditure will have to grow more modestly for a rime. Mr Healey is on record as saying that once the tax burden has been reduced he hopes that public expenditure can be allowed to grow as fast as national output in general. This is fine as long as steady

growth in the overall economy can be sustained. But it would be excessively rigid to rule out the rather faster growth of public spending if the economy failed to perform as well as expected.

There are many disadvantages to using government expenditure as an economic regulator but the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre is unnecessarily res tricted by totally abandoning the use of such spending as a policy instrument for supporting the level of demand during

Melvyn Westlake

Pension funds: rich uncle or Aunt Sally?

Originally conceived to fore-stall the growing Labour Party clamour for the nationalization of the leading banks and insur-ance companies, the Wilson committee inquiry into the functioning of financial institutions has cast its net broadly.

The attitude of those under scrutiny has, by and large, been that a virtue should be made of a necessity. In other words, if the price of removing some of the immediate pressure from the banking and insurance industries was to be a more wide-ranging examination of the financial community, then the occasion should be turned to advantage by showing the outside world once and for all that the financial community had a key role to play in the economy and that it fulfilled this role both efficiently and responsibly. Whether those who have

tor could only benefit by drawing back at least some of the veils of mystery that allegedly surround it will in fact be quite so happy when the Wilson committee has aventually finished. mittee has eventually finished its work remains to be seen.

The general feeling has been that the vast weight of evidence so far submitted almost totally vindicates the role of the financial sector in the economy. But that does not mean to say that the committee could not find that there are ways in which, for economic and/or political reasons, this role might not be 'improved ".

A key area for further scrutiny is inevitably going to be the role of the "institutions", particularly the pension funds and life assurance funds.

These two classes of institu-

On the day of the publication of the interim report of the Wilson committee

on financial institutions, John Whitmore and (below) Nicholas Hirst

look at some of the organizations and men who manage hundreds of millions of pounds

tion are a dominant force in the highly important long-term savings market. They have grown rapidly over the last decade, their net annual cash flow quintupling to something approaching £6,500m and the value of their assets trebling to a figure that cannot now be a figure that cannot now be very short of £60,000m.

What precisely are those assets? For the most part they are Government stocks, issued

to fund the government's debt, and shares in British companies. Between them, the pension and life assurance funds hold about 30 per cent of the £45mplus (nominal) of gilt-edged securities in issue. In addition,

they probably hold rather more than 35 per cent of the £55,000m-at current market

prices—of Eritish company securities quoted on the Stock Exchange. For the rest, their money is largely in property (and property finance) and in short-term liquid assets.

Given the size of these assets and the prospect of further strong growth in net cash flow it is hardly surprising that the pension funds and the life assurance industry have been attracting increasing attention. Their power is wondered at, their accountability questioned, their funds covered.

Indeed, with or without the Wilson committee, the issue of the institutions would still be a live one, quite simply because big as they already are, they are going to grow still

bigger with the course of time. One area that has already been the subject of much public and political debate has been that of control over peu-sion fund resources. So far there has been much opposition, not least among pension fund members themselves, to the idea that trade unions should automatically nominate candi-dates for election to pension fund boards by pension fund members

Further areas of debate con-cern the role of the funds in the economy, both in terms of the percentage of savings they draw off from the economy and the way in which the money is invested. Should the funds be left to increase their domination of industrial ownership? Should they be encouraged to invest more money overseas? Should they be encouraged to provide long-









Men of power? A quartet of pension fund managers (left to right): Mr Alfred Singer of the Post Office; Mr Raphael Langham of Unilever; Mr Roger Kitson of Hill Samuel; Mr Kenneth

What the

There is a growing feeling in pension fund management that the movement is in grave danger of becoming the Aunt Sally of the Wilson committee on the functioning of City institutions.

In evidence, Sir Harold has drawn attention to the potential disposal. "They are so powerful", he said, "they do not know how powerful they are." He added that they could be transforming society more than any government would ever dare to do even if it had a large majority in Parliament.

the pensi ment there is much doubt as to exactly what Sir Harold meant, but the funds have received one message clearly. This is that in rivalling the insurance companies in the size of funds invested they have be come prime targets for an interventionist government, and unlike the insurance companies they do not have a large publicity organization ready to defend their role.

The TUC has suggested a £1,000m fund, subscribed by the pension movement, to be used for industrial reorganization, which would be backed by government guarantee.

the responsibility in law to look after their colleagues contributions wisely and to produce the best return

As Roger Kitson, who looks after pension investments totalling £900m for 112 clients of merchant bank, Hill Samuel, put it: "Acting as a trustee for other people's money concentrates the mind wonderfully." Increasingly trustees are composed of 50 per cent trade union representatives, a trend. which in itself has wide social implications. Mr Kitson believes that ownership by the people is

Opposition is perhaps nor as strong as might be expected. The first point all involved in pension management want to get over is that the real power rests with the trustees. They

He believes it was right to

men with the money think

being brought about by the growth of pension funds, but he is certainly not against it. "I am strongly in favour of employee involvement in schemes. I believe they are the best people to look after their own, and their colleagues', money. The one thing he does not

believe is that they will push investment into unproductive areas for political means. What evidence there is sugsests that employee repr tives are concerned that decisions are made on commercial grounds. A recent decision by

an investment manager of one of Britain's largest private funds to reduce holdings in South Africa was extensively questioned by the trustees to establish that it had been done for reasons of prudence, not politics. There does not appear to

be a conflict between social conscience and maximization of return", says Alfred Singer. chairman of the trustees of the largest fund in the United Kingdom-the Post Office Staff Superamustion Fund, which has 500,000 members and assets of £1,200m.

subscribe to Finance For In-dustry and the Equity Bank-because they were specialized funds which could seek out the right growth opportunities, "I would not dismiss the TUC idea", he said. "If it were a genuine attempt at full development of new industries for rights issues galore. If then we would want to know there is any profitable venture more about it."

Profit before tax

Cost of Dividends

£220,000 per annum.

that money would either go to a new investment of its own accord or the investment would not be worthwhile. Neither does he think that pension funds had the power Sir Harold Wilson thought they

"There would be power if there was just one pension fund. But I think it unlikely that in general we have more than 1 or 2 per cent of any one company, so on our own we have no real power. If all the pension funds spoke with one voice, then we would have power, but clearly we do not:"

Undoubtedly part of the argument about the "power" argument about the "power" held by pension funds is connected with the belief that they have wrought a change in the way the market operates.

Sir Harold has drawn attention to the fact that pension funds invest money in large tranches. Behind that thought is the idea that concentration of investment has inhibited the small company from raising money either by depressing its rating or by simply leaving it below the size criteria for new investment.

"We were asked questions about this", said Kenneth Smith, formerly with the British Steel Corporation Pension Fund, and now pensions director at Reed International. Reed's United Kingdom fund totals £170m and it has 45,000 members.
"We had Hugh Jenkins of

the Coal Board fund with us. He has set up a special fund to try and get money direct from industry. It seemed whenever the fund looked at a proposition other investors had been there already. It was merely which found it difficult to find funds." Mr Smith, who is president

of the National Association of Pension Funds, summed up the feelings of many when he said:
"We have not starved British industry. We have subscribed we are prepared to meet it. Others are less keen Raphael The worrying thing is there angham, deputy pensions have been so few investments Langham, deputy pensions have been so few investments officer at Unilever, which has that have showed they have the 52,000 United Kingdom members in a £300m fund, believes liabilities."

Business Diary: Ansell's bitterest man • Food and the flag

rence between Allied Freweries and the advectising sency Doyle Dane Eernbach wer the last few months came to a head yesterday with the formal resignation by DDB of all its Alfred accounts.

The agency will lose husiness which had grown from about 200,005 in 1968, when DDB irst became involved, to a peak over tim last year, so the nw will go down in the annals to one of the big agency-client

The mob of the problem ippears, to be Allied's move wards central direction of its Inselfs, lad Coope and Tedey dverrising rather than leaving to the regional companies, the crisis came when DDI; vere asked to come up with a er campaign for Anselis beer nation of developing an exist-natherno which the agency

avs is highly successful. Such was the disagreement hat Allied offered the alternathe brief to a rival agency. There was a meeting on Tueslay hight between Peter conhun-Carter, marketing director of Allied, and Brian Naldron, DDB chairman, at the tile latter decided to the control of the control of the latter decided to the control of the latter decided to the control of the control which the latter decided to reak appropriate with Ancells. Itt also with and Coope and

Waldron said that its "Bitter-men" campaign for Ansells and for Tetley a "classic marketing

case history in transforming attitudes to the brand and helping to boost sales nearly fivefold, despite being beavily outspent by the main competitor."
Allied's desire to change successful advertising was "not commercially right" for either party. The brewery has yet to appoint a replacement. . .

Paul Amos has made a corner in one version of the business of selling refrigerators to eskimos—that of selling wheat products to the Canadians. He is the deputy managing

director of the Westabix group,

whose Weerabix and Alpen

breakfast cereals-made in port from Canadian wheat-are, he says, on sale in every Canadian supermarket Amos vesterday became chairman of the British Food export Council. He succeeds Richard Palmer, chairman of

the international division of Associated Biscuits, and wants to rope into BFEC notable non-joiners like Cadbury Schweppes, Amos told Rusiness Diary vesterday that many smaller firms who are not exporting much could sell more abroad in British food promotions which

BFEC organizes. For example, Woodward's, a Canadian supermarket chain, will be pushing British foods for seven weeks next summer. Individual British manufac-



Weetabix's Paul Amos: what's eating him?

turers Amos says, might not be able to interest such a group. Weetabix is a family-owned private company with headquarters at Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire, and is the only British-owned major in the British breakfast cereal market. About 12 per cent of production is exported and that share is

Amos says that Britain imports about £4,500m-worth of food a year and exports about £1,500m-worth, with the balance narrowing in Britain's favour.

British Leyland has been rapped on the knuckles by the Advertising Standards Authority today for its use of the phrase "quickly and efficiently" in literature describing to buyers of new cars the services offered

under the Leyland Supercover warranty scheme.
This follows the experiences of a Newcastle man who bought TR7 sports car, one of Leyland's prestige models, in June last year. He had various problems with it and subsequently followed the Supercover advice and wrote to the

managing director of Leyland

Cars, Derek Whittaker. Mr Whittaker was pledged to deal

with such matters with the said quickness and efficiency, The owner's dissatisfaction, bowever, spurred him to com-plain to the ASA, which has of the lack of evidence that any effective action" was taken by

Leyland Cars, however, said yesterday that it was "a little aggrieved" by the tone of the ASA report. A spokesman added that the Newcastle owner was "a very difficult man to satisfy". His car had been off the road for

when he was given a hire car free of charge. The Supercover leaflet now urges new buyers to send off the pre-addressed card to the managing director "should you fail to obtain the satisfaction you have the right to expect from any Leyland dealer In another case the ASA has backed Leyland for an adver-

three days in the first nine months and later for a week,

tisement depicting a potential MG owner as a young, commitment-free man and urged to push your foot down". Seven safety-conscious citizens though this encouraged speeding, but the ASA disagreed.

And Leyland is not the only manufacturer to be scrutinized. The authority agreed with a complaint from Kent that a Peugeot advertisement main-taining that its new five-door harchback model was the only one costing less than £2,200, disregarded certain Renault models which were cheaper. The advertisement is not to be repeated.

George Ball, the London and South Eastern regional training manager of the Engineering Industry Training Board, took a chance when he invited Alan Swinden to open a juvenile training centre in Portsmouth

Swinden, who is chief adviser on social affairs to the Confederation of British Industry, explained that the last time he had been in a training centre was seven years ago in his days as director of the EITB. He had opened the centre, at Plympton, Devon, only for it to fall down a year later. When the place was rebuilt, he told Business Diary's Ross Davies, the EITE took no chances and the reopening was done not by Swinden but by

his then chairman. Sir Arnold Lindley.

The new Portsmouth centre, which was still standing when Business Diary went to press. is for youngsters who do not have the qualifications for engineering craft training, but who the board think nonetheless could do well in the industry.

The scheme has the support of Portsmouth's engineering training association, and the courses are based upon a survey of the needs of companies in the area carried out by the local EITB training adviser, David

I see from an exchange of let ters between the Toru MP Michael Lathum and Joel Barnett, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, that the latter repoices in the nickname " Jelly This is not an Opposition fibe. but how the minister is addressed ("Dear Jelly") in the text of the letters as given in Hansard. Barnett would have none of this familiarity in reply and merely wrote "Dear Michael". I suppose Barnett could have called him "Lathers", but that sounds a little too public school on the lips of a Labour man. Latham was at Marlborough and Barnett at Manchester Central High

LONDON SHOP **PROPERTY** TRUST LIMITED

Sir Cyril Black reports on the year ended 30th April 1977

Results for the year

1976 538,079 500,604

378,395

374,502

Shareholders funds 10,741,757 9,740,303 Property revenue up from £1.21M to £1.26M.

 Property and investment trading increased from £196,000 to £342,000. Income from Associated Companies rose to

£178,000 from £61,000. Shareholders funds £10.7M compared with £9.7M. During first eight months of calendar year 1977 rental increases arranged amounting to about

 Properties valued in 1972 at £3.03M have since been sold for aggregate prices of £3.75M. Professional valuation of properties to take place at 30th April, 1978.

Future of Group viewed with restrained optimism.

GUINNESS

Preliminary Announcement of Profits and Dividend 52 weeks ended 24th September, 1977

TURNOVER	Notes	1977 £000 498,849	1976 £000 413,878
PROFITS			
TRADING PROFIT			-
DICWIRE		29,173	. 21 261
Comediate A		293	31,261 487
		6.297	3.499
Leisure Plastics and Motorick Hand		:576	
Plastics and Materials Handling	_ຊ	2,502	980
Property		137	157
•	_	38,978	36,158
Interest charges	_	6,333	6,069
Towards of the second of the s	_	32,645	30,089
Investment income	- .	987	917
Investment income Share of profits of associated companies	_4 _	5,818	8,306
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	_	39,450	39,312
Taxation		18,236	18,198
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	_	21,214	21,114
Minority interests .		2,936	2,203
. Winterstalling. No		18,278	18,911
· Extraordinary items	_	2,147	2,690
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO STOCKHOLDERS.		16,131	16,221
DIVIDENDS		6,051	5,348
RETAINED PROFIT OF THE GROUP	- [10,080	10,873
EARNINGS PER 25p STOCK UNIT	- <u>-</u>	21.3p	22.2p
PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND FOR 1977 The Directors propose a payment on 10th February, 1977	e of a f		f 4 6387n nee

The Directors propose a payment on 10th February, 1978 of a final dividend of 4.63870 per

The proposed final dividend together with the associated tax credit is equivalent to 7.0283p (6.3391p) making a gross equivalent of the total dividends for the year 10.6350p (9.6683p). This represents an increase of 10% compared with last year which is the maximum permissible under the current counter-inflation legislation.

 The following table analyses turnover by sales to customers located in ex 	191	7	_ 197	
United Kingdom.	£m 227.9	46	£m 191.8	46
Republic of Ireland	147.7	30	131.7	33
Overseas	123,2	24	90.4	2
	498.8	100	712.0	100
			413.9	
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- (c) The increase of £1.4m in overseas trading profit includes £0.5m which can be attributed to the conversion of this year's profit at exchange rates which were more favourable than those used in converting last
- White Child & Beney Ltd. become a subsidiary of the Guinness Group on 14th February, 1977. In view of the short period between 14th February and 27th March, 1977, the date to which the interim results of White Child & Beney Ltd. were made up, the results of the plastics and materials handling division only include the figures for that company's second half year.
- The attributable proportion of profits is included in respect of the following associated companies: Harp Lager Ltd., Cantrell & Cochrane Group Ltd., Guinness Chana Ltd., Guinness (Nigeria) Ltd., Sierra Leone Brewery Ltd., Savage Smyth & Co. Ltd., Taunton Cider Co. Ltd. and associated companies of Morison Son & Jones International Ltd.

. (a) Taxation includes deferred taxation and consists of:-		
	1977	1976
Holding and subsidiary companies	£000	£000
Taxation arising in—		
United Kingdom Republic of Ireland	5,725	4,323
Overseas	5,672 4,171	6,070
		3,490
Associated companies - share of taxation.	15,568 2,668	13,883 4,315
(b) U.K. Corporation 12x has been provided at the rate of 52% (52%).	18.236	18,198
Extraordinary items include charges relating to:	•	
	1977	1976
	£000	£000
Revenue expenditure arising in connection with modernisation of		
Dublin brewery Terminal costs mainly relating to non-brewing activities	2,259	¹ 1, 874
Net book loss on disposal of properties and investments and	591	608
telegament of critical portowings	396	547
Provision to write down premiums previously capitalised as	379 .	347
goodwill on acquisition of shares in subsidiary companies		979
	3,246	4,008
Less tax relief and minority interests	1,099	1,318
•	2,147	2,690
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Summarised Group Balance Sheet at 24th September, 1977

SOURCES OF CAPITAL	1977 £000	1976 £000
Ordinary stockholders' equity Deferred taxation, provisions and outside shareholders' interests Loans	134,497 40,731 58,962	.120,670 32,719 46,088
	234,190	199,477
EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL Fixed Assets Goodwill Investments Net current assets excluding liquid funds Cash and deposits	141,631 15,552 32,360 55,771 17,000	126,321 13,570 29,994 46,257 11,927
Less bank overdrafts and short term loans	262,314 28,124	228,069 28,592
	234,190	199,477

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement

GENERAL Group turnover is up by 21%, but trading profit by only 8%. The source of profits has markedly changed this year, about 25% now coming from our non-brewing activities.

The approximate effect of applying the interim recommendation published by the Accounting Standards Committee on 4th November, 1977 would be to reduce the group profit before taxation by £14.8m (37%). This reduction arises from the deduction of £20.3m, representing additional depreciation of £12.2m and the cost of sales adjustment of £8.1m and the addition of a gearing adjustment of £5.5m.

DEFERRED TAXATION

The approximate effect of adopting the principles contained in the proposed statement of standard accounting practice on deferred taxation (ED19) would have been to reduce the Group's taxation charge by £5.0m (£2.7m) after allowing for Advance Corporation Tax of £1.2m (£0.7m) not immediately recoverable. After adjusting for minority interests earnings would have increased by £4.8m (£2.7m) to £23.1m (£21.6m) representing 26.9p (25.4p) per 25p Stock Unit.

Trading profit in the Republic of Ireland fell by nearly £3.5m demonstrating the effects of a year's price freeze during times of inflation. Sales in Great Britain, which had suffered during the exceptionally hot summer of 1976 showed a

welcome recovery, checked however by the decline in people's spending power. Our overseas brewing operations have produced another excellent performance. Our existing markets remain buoyant and we continue to explore new ones, with encouraging results.

GENERAL TRADING Morison Son & Jones have again increased their profits overseas and continue to expand success-

fully in the home markets.

PLASTICS AND MATERIALS HANDLING GPG and WCB have increased their profits substantially and are well poised to take advantage of any opportunities for further growth.

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Britons in employment take much larger proportion of personal incomes

How rewards are shared

Last month we showed the contribution of the service and manufacturing sectors to the Europa countries incomes. This month we discuss how the division between people, compames and soverment through

taxes and benefits.

The bulk of national income goes to the personal sector-from about 75 per cent in Germany to 90 per cent in Italy. The division between the different sources of personal in-come shows even more varia-tion. In Britain people in em-ployment take a much larger share than in the other three countries. The high figure is partly because of the low United Kingdom figure for employer social security contribu-rions; but, even if these are added, employment incomes take 66 per cent against less than 60 per cent elsewhere. The convention is to count

employer contributions as part of employment incomes, but no one, not even economists, do so when asked about their own

An alternative is to treat these contributions as an indirect tax on labour. On this basis the French and Italian Governments take more than one quarter of the national in-come in indirect taxes against one fifth in Germany and one seventh in the United Kingdom —the proportion is below that suggested by the table since insurance companies and pen-sion funds in Britain still take a substantial share of employer contributions; in the other three countries it is negligible.

Italy and France have high agricultural incomes; this explains part but not all of the contribution to personal incomes from rent and self-em-ployment, the remainder repre-sents the higher degree of self-

such as retailing.

Apart from this the personal sector now receives only a negtigible reward from the in-restment it has made in govern-ment and industry. Only the United Kingdom still has any pretensions to being a capitalist economy. Even here net in-terest, dividends, &c, account for only about 5 per cent of the total

Besides the incomes shown in the table, pensions and other social benefits emounted to 21 per cent of national income in France, Germany and Italy but only 12 per cent in Britain. The figures are not shown in the rable because they are largely paid by the government out of taxation. However in the United kingdom about 1.5 per cent of national income is paid as pentional income is paid as pentions. sions by insurance companies and pension funds in return for contributions and could, there-fore, be included as a return to

This would make the state benefit figure for Britain even

and the office INCOME BEFORE DIRECT TAXES AND BENEFITS(1)

Employers social security payments Rent's' and self employment Net interest, dividends, etc. Transfers to or from non-government SOUTCES

Companies and financial institutions Government indirect taxes less Government residue(4) Balancing item 5 n=less than 0.51

(1) Source—National Accounts. Detailed Tables 1970-75, Statistical Caropean Communities

UK figures updated from Central Statistical Office data
German figures are for 1974, remainder for 1975

(2) Including employee social security contributors and profit sharing
(3) Other than rent on lead which is included in net interests, etc.
(4) Not interest, rent, etc. before taxes
(5) The effect of taxes and benefits paid to the rest of the world

smaller. Part of the reason for the low figure is that indirect taxes are not as great as else-where. This means that peu-sioners do not need such a high proportion of national income, the percentage will increase since the British Government since the British Government plans to raise more money through indirect taxation. A further factor is the greater proportion of health and other social services in the United Kingdom which are supplied in kind instead of against reimbursement.

imbursement.
Outside the personal sector companies receive from 5 per-cent to 15 per-cent of the national income as earnings which they use for taxation and investment. Germany's high pro-portion here helps her indus-tries to invest.

come from two sources. Through indirect taxes and from other transactions' such as rent and the profits of public enterprise.
The income from these other transactions just about balances with government interest par.

France is the country where the government takes the most income through indirect takes and Italy the least. The low and Italy the least. The low Italian taxes on consumption are, however, balanced by her very high taxes on employment. As a result the United Kingdom is the country where expenditure—the subject of next month's article—is least affected by taxation.

James Rothman

Business appointments

Kleinwort, Benson's new chief

Mr R. A. Henderson becomes chairman of Kleinwort. Benson, Lonsdale from January 1. He has been chairman of the principal merchant banking subsidiary. Kleinwort, Benson, since May 1975. The retiring chairman, Sir Cyril Kleinwort, and Sir Mark Turuer, retiring deputy chairman, will remain on the board.

Mr John Eldridge, chairman of Matthews Wrightson Holdings Group, is to retire from the board of Matthews Wrightson Holdings on December 31. He will be succeeded by Mr Gordon Henry, chairman of Stewart Wrightson Group. Mr David Rowland is to become deputy chairman of Stewart Wrightson Group from January 1, while continguate of managery 1, while continguate of the principal of the managery 1, while continguate of the principal of the managery 1, while continguate of the principal of the managery 1, while continguate of the principal of

Wrightson Group from while continuing as managing director. He will also be made chairman of Matthews Wrightson Pulbrook, Mr Gordon Parham is mairman of Galbrain in the continuing as managing the continuing the continuing as managing the continuing the to be chairman of Galbraith Wrighton, Mr Jeremy Wageser is w ue mane chairman of Matthews Wrightson Land in addition to being group financial director. Mr Andrew Smithers will join the board of Matthews Wrightson Holdings.

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As a result of the retirement of Mr Ronald Whiteside as managing director, Rolls-Royce Motors diesel division, the following board appointments have been made: Mr Peter Vinson, managing director, diesel division; and chairman, military engine division; managing director, diesel division and chairman, military engine division; Mr Frank Cook, director and general works manager, diesel division; Mr A. B. Bennett, production director, diesel division; Mr Robert Young, managing director, military engine division; Mr Stanley Cox, production director, military engine division; Mr Stanley Cox, production director, military engine division; Mr Stanley Cox, production director, military engine division.

The Earl of Eglinton and Winton has become a director of Mercandle and eGneral Reinsurance.

Mr J. Biyth, Mr R. Brown and

Mr J. Biyth, Mr R. Brown and Mr D. Whitaker have joined the executive board of Joseph Lucas. Mr A. B. Kitson is to become general manager of London Guarantee & Reinsurance on March 1, succeeding Mr N. J. Walker-Robson,

managing director of **Charles** Barker City and Mr Richard Pollen deputy managing director from March 1. Mr Pollen will also become managing director of a new unit. Charles Barker Corporate design and Communications. Mr J. Michael Hoare, managing director of Coral Leisure Group is

to become chairman of Centre Hotels (Cranston), a wholly-owned subsidiary, in succession to Mr Henry Edwards who will be resign-ing from the board of Centre Hotels at the end of January. Mr R. A. L. Roberts, Mr R. J. Jarvis and Mr D. Courtenay Taylor have been made directors of Ti Raleigh Industries.

Mr Edwin Thompson, chairman and managing director of The Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewerles, has been elected chairman of the Brewers' Society. He succeeds Mr Robert McNelle, joint Chairman of Acture Carlingers Son chairman of Arthur Guinness Son

Mr D. B. K. Harrison has be-come chairman of Harrison Bros. Underwriting Agencies. Mr R. P. Houghton, Mr T. G. R. Harrison and Mr K. J. Leonard join the

board
Dr G. W. Richards has been made chairman of Billiton (UK) in succession to Mr A. M. W. Platt. Mr Platt will now be based at Billiton International Metals BV in The Netherlands and be-comes head of the recycling

Mr Ian Henderson has joined

mr lan Henderson has joined the board of Whatings (CIV)
Engineering).
Mr John R. Bell has joined the
board of Appliance Components
as marketing director. Mr Leslie Jones has joined the board of Braham Millar Group. board of Braham Millar Group.

Sir Arthur Bryan, chairman and managing director of Wedgwood, has become chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board's North American advisory group, succeeding Lord Redmayne.

Mr Roger Ayins is now a director of F. R. Benson & Partners.

Mr E. G. Culver has been made managing director of Ballam Polymers & Engineering.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Carling of Canada to cut its US losses

Carling O'Keefe, of Canada, is near to selling its loss-plagued Umited States unit, Carling National Brewing Com-

Analysts welcome the news.
"It will be the best thing to
happen to the company in a
long time", one enalyst said. Carling O'Keefe is 50.1 per cent owned by Rodmans of Pall Mail Canada, which is con-trolled by the Rodmans group of United Kingdom.

After years of steadfastly maintaining it did not plan to dispose of its United States operations, Carling O'Keefe disclosed last week that negotiations which could lead to the sale were in progress. The com-pany did not elaborate at the time. But Mr John Lockwood, chairman, said that an announcement was planned this

Mr Lockwood said the price of any transaction would be "in line with the book value of the United States company less accumulated losses". He would not be specific but indi-cated the amount would be between C\$25m (about £12.5m) and C\$50m.

P & O Australia issue

Sydney brokers J. B. Were & PUK's sharp rise \$A1 par share issue by P & O closed heavily oversubscribed. The issue represents 25 per cent of P & O Australia's post-issue share capital, with the Peninsu-la: and Oriental Steam Naviga-tion Company Ltd holding the remaining 75 per cent. The offer opened on December 12 and was due to chose not later than December 23. A spokes-

International

man for the Sydney Stock Ex-change said the shares are ex-pected to be listed around mid-January.

Ansett-Avis deal

Melbourne, Dec 14.—Ansett Transport Industries of Australia has agreed to acquire the entire issued capital of Avis Rent-a-Car System and subsidiaries bolding the family interests of the late Mr Eric McIffree, founder of Avis in Australia, Ansett chamman, Sir Reginald Ansett, announced. He said that settlement is He said that settlement is expected to take place this mouth but the transaction is conditional on the approval of the Minister for Transport

Club Mediterranee Club Mediterranee, the holiday resort operators, says that its pre-tax turnover for the financial year ended on October 31 came to 1,140m francs (about £126.6m), an increase of 19.7 per cent over the previous year's total of 953m francs.

Pechiney - Ugine - Kuhi chemical group, expects to show consolidated net earnings of between 350m francs (about £38.8m) to 500m francs this year. This is up from 153m francs in 1976, the company president, M Philippe Thri told enalysts. The enticip profit compares with a lor 159m france in 1975

BRITISH EMPIRE SECURITIES AND GENERAL TRUST LIMITED

The Eighty-eighth Annual General Meeting of British Empire Securities and General Trust Limited was held on 14th December, 1977 in London. The following is an extract from the statement by Mr R. P. Laurie, J.P. the Chairman, which has been circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1977.

After a year of improving conditions your Board are pleased to be able to report substantially increased revenue and a material improvement in the asset value of your shares. It has been possible to raise the dividend for the year from 0.53p to 0.60p per share and we feel confident that this rate can at least be maintained in 1977/78.

During the past twelve months we have invested rather more money than usual in unquoted securities. This is simply because more opportunities arose for this type of investment, which we have always been prepared to consider rather than a conscious policy move. We have continued in our endeavour to improve your income and to increase the value of your investment by the traditional means of a fair balance between fixed interest securities and

For the future, let us hope that public opinion will assert itself as the most powerful influence in the conduct of affairs instead of that exercised by powerful minority groups at all levels and in every sphere of life. We may then look forward to healthy free enterprise, personal liberty and self reliance.

A summary of the results for the year :--

Revenue -	244,166	(£220,498)
Net Revenue (after Taxation and Expenses)	E142;428	(£125,542)
Earned per 5p Ordinary Share	0.70	p (0.62p)
Dividend per 5p Ordinary Share	0.60	p (0.53p)
Net Asset Value per 5p Ordinary Share	13.4	9p (9.72p)

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Variable results from **Guthrie offshoots** but overall upturn

A rather mixed bag of interim profits has come from the Guthrie Corporation whose interests range from plantations to floor coverings and colour televisions.

In the first six months of this vear the group made an overall
pre-tax profit which soured to
[11.1m from a previous £4.7m.
Turnover rose from £133m to

And the directors expect that year-end results will be considerably higher than those of 1976, when the group turned in £13.3m pre-tax.

The largest contribution came from the South East Asia division which saw its operating profit roar ahead from £2.8m to £10.7m. A combination of good crops and high commodity prices helped this side but, in recent mouths, palm oil crops lave been affected by weather conditions and prices have fallen from the very high levels.

Rille of the earlier part of the year.

As such second half profits are milkely to equal those of the first six months but the direc-tors are confident that the full

a turnround from a previous loss of £1m to a profit of for the full year are satisfac-£417,000 with the elimination of tory, say the directors.



Sir Eric Griffith-Jones, chair-

Australia the end of the colour television boom has cut back a former £2.1m half time sur-

man of Guthrie Corporation.

tors are confident that the run year will show a substantial increase on 1976.

Engineering activities in Malaysia have been hit by severe competition which have confident margins.

The timing of contract deliveries has hit profits in deliveries has hit profits in North America but prospects

Stock markets

Losses recouped by mark up on trade figures

Share prices staged a strong, if thin, rally as the marker's worst trade fears were nor The £73m visible surplus for November was rather better man many dealers had expected and the FT Index, 9.7 down at 2 pm, closed a 474.0, a net

loss of just 2.9 over the session. Earlier in the day fears that the Government's pact with the Liberals could be in danger after the European elections defeat in Parliament brought a heavier weight of selling than has been the case in recent days. Dealers said that prices were already starting to rally ahead of the figures as the "bears" closed down and the

Against the trend in early trad-ing went Tunnel Cement on another flurry of speculative interest. The theory is that Thos W. Ward will sell its near per cent stake, possibly to Europe. Domestic names men-tioned are Thos Tilling and Redland but monopolies considerations would rule out another cement major. The shares closed 7p better at 267p.

market was still moving shead when the final index calculation was taken.
In the gilt-edged market

short-dated stocks ended mostly unchanged but "longs" closed half a point to the good having been a quarter down in front of the trade figures.

After the warning from the chief of Rells-Royce on the

implication; of further indus ing 40p to the good at 500p.

rial crife for the motor. In the oil sector the withindustry the shares dipped 4p drawal of speculative supportto 64 p. Lucas, where the chairto 6440. Lucas, where the chairman has warned on the possible repercussions of the recent toolmakers strike, were lowered another 3p to 2600 while Smiths Industries were also lower, by 3p to 152p, after the forecast of a dip in profits this year.

The late rally among the industrial leaders had ICI 50 lower at 355p, after 352p, Fisons

lower at 355p, after 352p, Fisons
15p off to 370p and Metal Box
down 4p to 286p. But there was
no respite for Glaxo where adverse market chatter, later denied, about one of its pro-ducts led the shares to slump 27p to 570p. Unilever, on the other hand, held on to 546p and Beecham continued to outperform the others with a rise of 2p to 667p.

In foods the prospect of an unflattering programme led to Tate & Lyle being marked down 4p to 200p while Associated Pairies cur an early 7p Dundonian (1) 0.18(0.11)
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A Guinness (F) 488.8(412.8)
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Jeksns Bourne (I) 2.5(2.1)
Laurence Scott (I) 14.7(13.5)
Arthur Lee (F) 63.4(46.9)
Montagne Myr (I) 121.0(105.0)
Movitex (I) 1.2(0.97)
M & G Sc Dual (I) 1.2(0.97)
S A Land (F) -(--)
Southwalld (F) -(--)
Sutcliffe, Spk (I) 4.2(3.5) loss to 2p after hours, at 240p, on figures which were bang in line with market expectations.

Another result to conform to Another result to contour to expectations came from Arthur Guinness, but a cautious forecast left the shares no Jess than 10p off at 184p. A cheerless starement from cider maker H. P. Bulmer also made an impact, the shares shedding 11p at 124p. H. P. Bulmer also made an impact, the shares shedding 11p to 124p.

In front of figures due today Varux dipped 7p to 353p but Distillers held fir at an unchanged 173p. Improved terms from Seagrams had Glenlivet back from suspension and clos

drawal of speculative support-hit Oil Exploration to the tune of 10p to 300p and Ultramar which was lowered 8p to 220p. The Lasmo ordinary shares continued to be comparatively

firm losing just 2p to 180p.

Two timber groups reporting were M. L. Meyer which lost just 2p to 73p in spite of the

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possibility of stock losses from the strength of sterling, and Phoenix Timber which slumped 13p to 160p after a disappointing statement. The last named has also been the centre of some speculative interest over the last few months.

The prospect of further take-over news lifted G. Dew 10p to 154p while Allied Investments were suspended at 470

Latest results

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Earnings per share 6.90(5.77)

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CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED
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including the National Enterprise Board. News of a Saudi contract lifted Philips Lamps 30p to £8.80 and Bricsson £2.75 to £21.50. Rights issue news led to depression in both Elbar Industrial and Cableform, LRC International was also lower, by 32p to 73p, after Tuesday's

money raising issue.
In spite of reports of strong

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ground, notably Boots 4p to 214p, Marks & Spencer 3p to 153p and British Home Stores 3p to 214p. Halved profits from Braith-

waite Engineers led the shares to slump 250 to 132p After comment here James Finlay put on 6p to 296p. After hours shares like GEC 262p, GKN 273p and Tube Investments at 350p were all firmer by three or four pence. Tate & Lyle rose a couple of pence on late news that the company had succeeded in its case for a bon on last night's television pro-gramme on South Africa.

Christmas, sales stores lost

Up from 83p since mid-November chemicals, electronics and plastics group R. H. Cale now stands at a year's high of 99p. There has been a good deal of support of late with a number support of tale lotth a mander of options taken and final results, due in the spring, should show a continuing recovery. Monsanto has 22-1 per cent of the shares and New Throgmorton Trust 5.3 per cent. There is also a strong family holding.

Equity turnover on December 13 was £54.58m (11,899 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Glaxo, ICI, Gus 'A', Thorn, BP, Shell, Distillers Associated Darries, CRC Company GEC, Grand Metropolitan, Reed International, Turner & Newall, H. P. Bulmer, Buinness, LRC International and Lucas.

Glaxo denies allegations on effects of drug trials

570p yesterday amid reports said it was seeking legal advice that its salbutamol and estimatic drug, sold in Britain putation that the drug had the moder the brand name Ventolin, ability to cause malignancies had been found to cause tomours in certain strains of rate under testing in the United States. The drug is believed to account for a little less than 10 per cent of Glaxo's profits.

Glaxo yesterday admitted that its licensees in the United States, the Schearing Corpora-tion, had withdrawn its application, nad windrawn its approxi-tion for approval of the drug by the US Food and Drugs Ad-ministration until further ex-laustive tests had been underaken on the drug.

The Stock Market reaction came following a report in a specialist pharmaceutical publication which made several alle-

putation that the drug had the ability to cause malignancies and the allegation that the FDA had recommended that clinicaltrials should not be allowed to restart were "totally untrue". Glaxo said the facts con-tained in the report included

the observation that a benign hyperplastic growth had been hyperplastic growth had been seen in the smooth muscle of the ovaries of two specific strains of rats following prolonged and heavy systemic dosage with salbuttamol. "There is absolutely no evidence whatsoever that any of these findings can be extrapolated to man and indeed no report of matignancy resulting from salbutamol administration has ever been administration has ever been reported."

Thos Tilling in \$26m expansion programme

Thomas Tilling, the giant industrial holding group, plans a major extension of its environmental control interests in the the United States. An offer of \$22 a share in cash is to be made to buy the entire capital of Clarkson Industries Inc.
valuing the group at over \$25m.
The board of Clarkson, which
with management and family interests control 47 per cent of the outstanding stock which is quoted on the American Stock Exchange, has approved the deal in principle. The acquisition, which has Bank of England exchange control consent, is subject to the usual approvals required of merger arrangements in the United States. Clarkson, which has its headquarters at Ridgefield, Con-necticut, is chiefly engaged, through its Hoffman Air and Filtration Division in the design

and manufacture of air handling

and liquid filtration equipment and systems for chemical, petro-

leum and sewage plants and a number of other industrial

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Briefly

Upon completion of the acquisition, Mr Colin Draper, deputy managing director of Tilling and president of Thomas Tilling Inc, will become chair-man of Clarkson.

man of Clarkson.

UNITED GAS INDS
Since the start of the second half some industrial relations problems have arisen, and group is experiencing difficulties in Autocontrols division in Cornwall.

Nevertheless results for year as a whole should be an improvement upon last year's 51.8m.

BLACK DIAMONDS-BIT
Acceptance of offer for British
Investment Trust together with
shares bought by Black Diamonds
Pensions total 79 per cent of BIT KUWAIT INV OFFICE

Company has reduced its stake in Alexander Howden by 108,000 shares to 5.7m (7.9 per cent) and that in Sedgwick Forbes from 1.9m shares to 1.72m (5.66 per cent).

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SOUTHVAAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

DIVIDEND FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1977

On 14th December 1977, dividend No. 4 of 21 cents a share, in sect of the year ending 31st December, 1977 (1976; to cents), was lared in South African currency, payable to members registered in books of the company at the close of business on Joth December.

The transfer registers and registers of members will be alosed from Mrd December, 1977, to 15th January, 1978, both days inclusive, and warrants will be posted from the Johannasburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer scretaries on or about 1nd February, 1978. Registered members paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom untrensy equivalent on 14th January, 1978, of the final value of their dividends they appropriate taxes). Any such members may however, elect to be paid in South African currence, provided that the request is received at the offices of the transfer occutation in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or below, 30th December, 1977.

The effective reset of non-action checked to is 15 per 1971.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 15 per cent. The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be imposted the head and London offices of the company and also at the offices the company's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg and the United

The estimated profit for the year ending 51st December, 1977, is stated

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BANKERS' FINAL EXAMINATIONS



The Institute of Bankers yesterday approved the award of prizes for 1977 (based on both April and September examinations). Given below are the names of 829 candidates who completed their final examinations in September.

PRIZES-PART II

(Awarded on the combined results of the April and September examinations) BANKING DIPLOMA

BECKETT MEMORIAL PRIZE; thighest aggregate in Part II completed in two studies within a period not exceeding thirteen months) F. C. GLEGG PRIZE: (highest aggregate in Economics, Economic Geography and Monatory Theory and Practice on completion of Part II GEORGE BAE PRIZE FOR PRACTICE OF BANKING:

GWYTHER PRIZE FOR MONETARY THEORY AND PRACTICE: WHITEHEAD PRIZE FOR FINANCE OF FOREIGN TRADE AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE: WHITEHEAD PRIZE FOR LAW RELATING TO WHITEHEAD PRIZE FOR ACCOUNTANCY:

LOMBARD ASSOCIATION PRIZES FOR FINANCE OF FOREIGN TRADE AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE:

TRUSTEE DIPLOMA

IOHN CAULCUIT PRIZE: (highest aggregate in

Part II completed in two strings within a period

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NIGHL PAUL CHAMBERS, Burelays Bank Ltd.,

JANET ELIZABETH COOK, Burclays Bank Ltd.,

LYN OSTERLAND, Barclays Bank Ltd., Ystalyfera, NIGEL LEIGH TOSE, Barelays Bank International Ltd., Poole, Dorset. NIGEL LEIGH TOSE, Barclays Sank International Ltd., Pools, Dorset.

JAVED RASHID, United Bank Ltd., Multan, BRIAN MALCOLM ROYSTON, Charterhouse NIGEL LEIGH TOSE, Barclays Bank International Lid., Poole, Dorsel. JANET ELIZABETH COOK, Barclays Bank Ltd., Birmincham.

RAYMOND GORDON TASKER, Lloyds Bank Ltd.,

PRIZES-PART I

(Awarded on the combined results of the April and September examinations) FRANK STEELE PRIZES

'ECONOMICS: ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY: GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW;

STRUCTURE OF ACCOUNTS: CHARLES REEVE PRIZE

COUNCIL PRIZE ELEMENTS OF BANKING:

ENGLISH:

STUART GRANVILLE WATSON, National West-minster Bank Ltd., Durking, Surrey. JOHN DAVID MICHAEL BEVAN, Lloyds Bank Ltd., Tregaron, Dyfel NOVELETTE MERETTA LAWRENCE, Bank of NOVA Scotta, Savanna La Mar, Jamaica, W.L. JANE ANNE HURLEY, Citibank (C.L.) Ltd., St. Heller, Jersey, C.L.

ALEXANDRA SALOME ANDREWS, Central Bank-of Trinidad & Tobago, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I.

ROBIN STEWART LEGG, National Westminster Bank Ltd., London, E.C.2.

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Caird plans production cut back after loss

By Ashley Druker Drastic surgery has been set in motion by space dyers and carpet prioters Caird (Dundee) following on the warning in July last by Mr G. M. D. Drummond chairman, that conditions were "very difficult". Hopes that the company could build up the level of carpet sales gradually as the year progressed and so to end

It now reports a loss before tax swollen from £163,000 to £433,000 for the 26 weeks to September 24, while there is

the year on a more encouraging note have evidently failed to

again no interim.

The outcome is that to improve liquidity and to enable the company to operate within its resources, manufacturing activities are to be reduced "substantially" to enable a drastic reduction in overhead costs. This, the chairman hopes, should stabilize the position so that advantage can be taken of that advantage can be taken of any improvement in demand

which must inevitably come". Generally, the upturn in the economy so widely predicted earlier in the year had not, as he feared, occurred. Demand for carpets had continued to lag behind productive capacity and prices had remained at an un-economic level. This situation was reflected in the latest half-

He went on to say that the carper industry is probably experiencing the deepest recession within memory.

Some £450,000 had been spent on plant and machinery

in the previous year which, added to the pre-tax loss of £218,000, had been a drain on total assets as at March 31 1977 the company's working capital. amounting to £7,653m.

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Montague Meyer and Phoenix find the going tough in timber

More evidence of the current tribulations of the British timber industry came yesterday via interim statements from Montague L. Meyer and Phoenix Timber.

Meyer's pre-tax profits are down only 21 per cent to £7.47m after a sales increase of 14 per cent to £121m in the six months to September 30. But a major factor has been an £855,000 swing from loss to profit of £565,000 from associates, which includes a £248,000 surplus on a factory sale by Meyer's Hallam Group associate.

Mr John Meyer, chairman said yesterday that the group's own timber business has held up particularly well and the figures compare favourably with those of last year given the large element of stock profits in previous results.

However, he warns that sterling's strength in relation to the currencies of some supplying countries could squeeze margins tempocarily in the final quarter.

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1977.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' but for the undermentioned companies is 15 per cent.

The dividends are payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London offices of the companies and also at the offices of the companies' transfer secretaries in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom.

The dividend now declared represents a distribution to members from surplus funde arising during the current year out of clean-up operations, sale of equipment and plant, and the company's share of revenue derived by certain outside parties under agreements as referred to in the quarterty report dated 21st October 1977.

The payment of future dividends by the company cannot be forecast at this stage.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY LIMITED The directors of The South African Land & Exploration Company Limited have decided that no dividend will be paid by this company for the year ending 31st December, 1977.



Mr Alexander Gourvitch, chairman of Phoenix Timber.

Phoenix, however, without the benefit of Meyer's spread of

year to September 30 have been shopped from £1.4m to £520,000 on sales some 6 per cent lower

at £17.6m.

The lack of stock profits which buoyed up last year's results have been a major reason but Phoenix reports that turnover and margins have come under pressure as the expected revival in the buildindustry has failed to materialize.

Trading results for the second half will depend substantially upon an upturn in building, signs of which have so far been few and far

On the dividend front, however. Phoenix after an interim of 3.03p gross is confident enough to predict a maximum permitted increase in the final payment to 3.43p gross. Meyer's interim payment goes up from 1.97p gross to 2.58p and there is also a supplementary of 0.043p in respect of last year. Meyer's total last year

Dundonian up 57pc

Jacksons Bourne End

Milboard maker Jacksons Bourne End has managed a E142,000 turnround into a preux profit of £72,000 for the 28 weeks to October 15. The outlook for the remainder of the year is reasonably promising

year is reasonably promising for the conversion side. The cutback in the board mill will

also reduce the strain on group

results from this direction. If

good progress is made for the

remainder of the year, the board will expect to recom-mend a final dividend.

TRADE VOLUMES AND

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Wilson Brothers'

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Strikes slow down **Durapipe Int**

The interim results of Duramer Mr Chapple cays that Treasury to Enternational, the old permission to increase the neledon & Lamberts group, dividend by 93 per cent has and Schroder Wagg and European Banking as comanagers, a DM100m bond issue with a fixed life of 10 years. pipe International, the old Incledon & Lamberts group, include record profits, but the second helf is not so rosy. Mr J. F. Pearce, the chairman, says that the second half has been affected by unofficial strikes at both operating com-panies, in support of wage claims in excess of Government

At halfway

With the solid base of its trading activities now augmented by the progressive development of its tin and tungsten mining prospects in Devonshire and Cornwall, pretax profit of Dundonian, public services, energy conservation and natural resources group, increased by 57.12 per cent to £60,542 for the six months to September 30, 1977. Historically the majority of Dundonian's annual profit is earned in the second six months and subject to unforeseen circum-Although the stoppage at Ansell Jones was short, nego-tiations restricted to a small number of employees at the Durapipe subsidiary were pro-tracted, and seriously affected deliveries in October, resulting in an operating loss for that

subject to unforeseen circumstances this year will be no exception with a "substantial increase" for the full year anticipated, says Mr Max Lewinsohn, chairman. the whole of last year should

per cent to £4m.

Arthur Lee ends year 40pc up

Arthur Lee, maker of steel bars rad wire rope, turns in pretax profits of £2.8m compared with £1.9m for the year to September 30. The weaker demand evident during the second balf of the last financial year has generally previously year has generally persisted

Ladbroke faces 54pc block at Leisure

progress Wilson Brothers inadvertently suggested that pre-tax profits during 1977 declined from 1976

Ladbroke Group seems to have little hope of winning Leisure & General Holdings with its bid of 60p, according to M. John Chapple, the Leisure chairman. He says that some levels. In fact profits rose strongly from £455,000 to strongly from £455,000 to £793,000 on sales which were up from £8.5m to £10.4m. In the first half of the present year the group, which publishes shareholders have specifically snareholders have spectricary indicated that they do not intend to accept the offer. Added to the 19.4 per cent stake controlled by the board, this takes the holding of those against the bid to about 54 per greetings cards, continued to show strong growth with a further 40 per cent profit rise to £486,000.

PATERSON ZOCHONIS
Sub. Cussons Australia has
bought Preservene, a soap manufacturer. Paterson spending
around £1.25m cash.

the fact that the going is 0.043p in recurrently very tough. Pre-tax profits in the half- 6.35p gross.

Mr Pearce concludes that results for the the full year are bound to be affected, but the

year has generally persisted into the current year. However there have been recent signs of a slight revival in the bright bar and wire rope markets, but it is too early to state that such improvements will be sustained.

holders to reject the £6m bid,

pay policy.

record profit of £927,000 for

be beaten. In the first half, pre-tax profits have jumped 52 per cent to £550,00 on turnover 44

cent of the equity.
In his circular urging share-

Associated Dairies leap ahead but shares lag

By Alison Mitchell Strong interim profits from

supermarkets group Associated Dairies helped the shares to recoup early losses in the stock markets yesterday. An initial dip of around 5p was cut back to 2p after hours leaving the shares at 240p.

In the six months to October 29, Asda increased pre-tax profits by a fifth from £9.6m to £11.5m on turnover up a quarter to £246m. Trading profit margins were trimmed back fractionally in the period but Mr Arthur Stockdole, chairman, foresees no worries on

Although the Tesco pricecutting balloon went up in July this did little to affect Asda results. The group has a wider range of food and non-food lines than the majority of its com-petitors and this cushioned it from much of the stepped-up competition, according to the chairman.

Although part of the increased sales came from new stores there was an improve ment in volume. Existing supermarkets boosted turnover by around 7 per cent in the period with the balance coming from the rise in selling space. In the six months Asda opened two new superstores, in Gosport and Dundee, and extended and re-opened a further three.

A timely investment in gilt-edged securities cushioned the group from the drop in interest rates and contributed a handy £933,000 return, against £831,000

Trading since the end of October has been buoyant, with both turnover and profit up on the same period last year, and the chairman is looking for the first half improvement to be maintained. This could see the group finishing the year with a pre-tax profit nudging the £29m level.

Allied Investments in takeover talks

By Ray Maughan

Dealines in Allied Investments were suspended yesterday at 47p as the board revealed that discussions were taking place which might lead to an offer for the whole of the issued capital. The quotation of the 10 per cent unsecured loan stock, whose conversion period has been extended by one month to December 27, was also frozen.

As expected, the bidders comprise a consortium including the National Enterprise Board and Allied's chief institutional investors, Commercial Union Assurance, London Trust and Orion Bank, which control about 45 per cent of the equity. The NEB recently chose Allied—Britzin's only quoted health care group—as its partner for promoting United Kingdom medical exports.

By Desmond Quigley The Thomson Organisation has made arrangements to sell its

7 per cent cumulative preference voting shares with the approval of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.
The shares have been placed

vestors.
It is believed that the placing of the "A" shares was made at a price close to the market level of 52p a share. The preference voting shares are not listed on the Stock Exchange.

A further 150,00t "A" shares have been been been a level of the late.

have been earmarked for plac-ing with a Scottish Television employees' trust which is being set up by the company.

the Middle East. Turnover in the year to end-April last climbed from £3.7m to £13m while pre-tax profits were nearly doubled to £626,000. But, due to provisions of about £200,000, where no tax relief is available, retentions amoun-

Allied where former British Rail chief Sir Richard Marsh

will shortly be appointed chair-

man, has already achieved

considerable success in winning contracts overseas, notably in

ted to just £1.000. More to the point, the hidders will be hoping that Allied's problems in the Middle East find a ready solution. In his last report, the current chairman, Mr William Spencer, conplained of delayed payments. elongsted supply lines and complicated official lines of communication. These led to a long list of auditors' qualifications in the last accounts.

Thomson sells its interest in Scottish Television

interest in Scottish Television. Thomson has already disposed of a 25 per cent stake in STV's

pro rata with the buyers of a 21.4 per cent block of "A" shares also previously owned by Thomson which has been placed with a number of Scottish in-

A majority of the voting shares are held by directors of STV. A company statement yesterday said that STV was now totally owned by a wide range of small shareholders, most of whom live in Scotland.

The placings brings to an end a long association with the Thomson Organisation and the late Lord Thomson. STV was founded in 1956 by Lord Thom-son and was the subject of one of his more famous remarksthat it was a licence to print money. However, the dominant shareholding was reduced at the time of the 1968 licence award to below 25 per cent at the insistence of the IBA. The links between the Thomson Organisation and STV have been at long distance for two years since the retirement of Mr James Coltart, once Lord

Cash calls from Elbar Ind and

Cableform By Ashley Druker Rights issues to raise in long about £1.7m are announced by

Elbar Industrial and con gear maker Cableform.

In the larger one, Eibar is a issue some 616,000 ordinar, shares for cash at 190p a share on a one-for-three basis. No proceeds of the issue will about £1.49m. Tanganyika Can cessions has undertaken a accept for its run entremember 450,000 shares arising on 65,12 per cent of the profile capital beneficing

owned.

Elbar capital beneficially owned.

A statement said that implies addited interim Figures for the half to June 30 last were record and pre-tax profit, before extraordinary frems, for the whole of 1977 is forecast a not less than £1.9m. The new shares will not rank for the final dividend

At the time of its rights issue in December 1976, Elbar forecast a dividend for 1977 total ling &p a share. An interim dividend of 3.5p has already been paid. Accordingly a final dividend of 4.5p is to be recommended. For the following year, subject to trading results, the board also intends to pay a total of 10p a share.

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In the other issue, Cableform proposes to bring in about £201,000 by the issue of about 437,000 ordinary on a one-forten basis at 50p each. The board, and Ashley Industrial Trust which holds 32.95 per cent, will subscribe in full for their own entitlement. Barclays Merchant Bank has underwrit. Merchant Bank has underwi

ten the remainder.
There are substantial invest ment plans over the next few years. For the six months to end-September pre-tax profit jumped from £99,000 to £370,000 on which the interim dividend is raised from 0.2p net to 0.22p.

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Price war fails to halt CompAir's advance

Compair's profits for the year to October increased to £12.2m from £9.4m despite a continuing price war among its com-pectors in the compressor

marker. With 70 per cent of its sales in overseas markets it is looking for increased market share to raise its volume in the current year, but margins have been rising as capital investment and cost paring over the recent past

have begun to pay off.
The company says that the current year has opened in an their hands

it sees scope for further pro-gress. It believes that the Ger-man economy at least is inflikely to get worse and there is some prospect of improvement in France, while the United States which is still moving forward takes around 14 per cent of the group's sales.

Its products have been rationalized and the number of components cut down, while over-rapid expansion at its compensors has left some of them with excess stocks on

But price cutting may still where, will serve it in good restrict its ability to increase market share although on the industrial controls and tools side it is proving it can compete and bear larger groups. With only slow growth ex-pected in the world economy in

Thomson's right hand man, as

1978, however, and a stronger pound, CompAir must be re-stricted in what it can achieve. Its record through the recession, however, has been impressive, and its position as market leader in the United Kingdom, where the economy may be advancing faster than else-

Sales last year advanced 16 per cent-price increases were below the United Kingdom inflation rate so there was a real increase in volume—but profits were nearly 30 per cent higher. Interest charges were up from £2.5m to \$3.1m and depre-

ciation rose reflecting the in-creased investment. Earnings a share rose from 10p to 13.47p. Exchange losses of £1.8m were taken direct from reserves. The dividend is equivalent to 5.48p gross.

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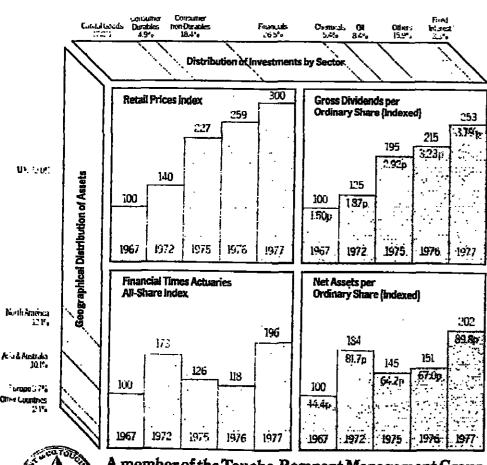
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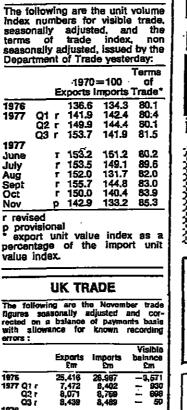
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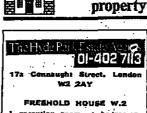
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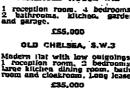
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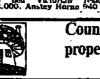
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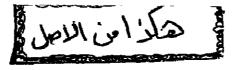
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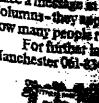
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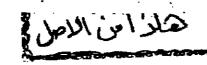
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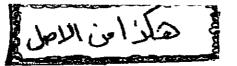
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Transport Secretary, who feels that
aritamentary and public opinion has still to be convinced, suggest no early

the permitted level of alcohol in their blood; and another report revealed that drivers who had been drinking were involved in 67 per cent of acci-



The measure passed through Parlia and nothing has been done to implement with a two-to-one majority and provoked little controversy. Since the aw came into effect, one police patrolonan told me, he had come across only here drivers so adamantly opposed to he measure that they were prepared to be pay the fine instead.

In Britain, opponents of seat-belt wearing argue that it is an infringement of personal liberty. I never heard his in Denmark, which can be very free? In some areas as Lord Longing and his supporters will testify the fine for not wearing a seat belt of fine for not wearing a seat belt self-based on the seat belt of the fine for not wearing a seat belt self-based on the seat belt of the fine for not wearing a seat belt self-based on the seat of the seat belt of the

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Interestingly, the wearing rate is reasonable upon road. Usually it is the other way round: people will belt up on the motorway but not in town where they consider the risk of injury to be rest. Surprisingly, perhaps, compulsion as not produced a significant drop in fatalities, though the number of police officer has reasonable suspicion or as part of the periodic spot checks like being one of the last European device in the power is there.

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Lack of Respect

Even the laws we do have seem less respected than they are in Denmark. Take speed limits. A report just pub-Drink and driving is a serious problished by the Transport end Road lem in both countries. A survey in Research Laboratory found that 36 per Ritlen found that a third of drivers cent of drivers where exceeding the indied in road accidents had more than 70 mph speed limit on motorways and

were involved in 67 per cent of accidents between 10 pm and 4 am.

So what to do about it? The British Government set up the Blennerhassert Committee to advise on the drink and So when I deliberately bogged the outside lane there was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of the lane was none of that imparient such control of the lane was none of the lane was none

lights. In both countries there is a legal obligation to switch lights on in poor daytime visibility. Driving out of Copenhagen one grey, but not foggy, morning I estimated that more than 90 per cent of vehicles were using dipped headlights; and how much easier they were to pick out. In Bringin the proportion would probably have been around 20 per cent.

Whatever the reasons for the success of Japanese cars in Britain, crisp and attractive styling has not usually been one of them. Although there have been exceptions, usually from Honda, the typical Japanese bodyshell has been unimaginative in shape, over-embellished and distinctly short on window area. The last is not only bad aesthetically, but cuts the driver's range of vision.

version of the small/medium car, the Violet. It has an entirery new body, longer, lower and wider than before, with 10 personal states of the control of the longer, lower and wider than before, with 10 per cent more glass area and the minimum of bright metal. It could easily be a Ford or Opel (though no one would confuse it with, say, a

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it when she took the plunge from quiet obscurity. 10.15 pm Olympia's pre-Christmas show jumping opens with the Turkey Stakes,

with the world's top riders trying to take home at least some of the £20,000 prize money.—I.R.R.

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BBC 2

9.30 am. Dennis the Menace.*
9.55. Woody Woodpecker.
10.20, Untamed World. 10.45,
Film. Tom Courtepay in I.
Heard the Owl Call My Name.
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is
Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 3.20,
Galloping Gourmet.*
8.12, Thames. 5.10. This Is Your
9.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00,
The Six Million Dollar Man.
5.00, Film Artila The Hun, with
Anthony Quinn, Sophia Loren.
9.30, Thames. 10.30, Reports
Extra. 11.00, What the Papers
Say. 11.20-12.20 am, Adams of
Eagle Lake.
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Southern

9.35 am, Sean the Leprechaun.
9.50, Lookour. 10.15, Murder, the Magician. 10.40, Digging for Yesterday. 11.05, Pollimbion.
11.35, Electric Theatre Show.
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court.
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